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# Congress Cabinet Awaits Viceroy's Statement

## Session Opens In Front Of Gandhiji's Cottage

### Policy Towards Communists To Be Formulated On Bhulabhai's Report

POONA, Sept. 12, (A.P.I.): The Congress Working Committee was in session today for four hours and broke just in time for Mahatma Gandhi's evening prayers at 7 p.m.

The Committee will meet a gain tomorrow at 8-30 a.m.

The Committee met at 3-15 p.m. in the specially erected tent in front of Mahatma Gandhi's cottage in the Nature Cure Clinic.

Moulana Abul Kalam Azad presided. Mahatma Gandhi was present.

**ARRIVALS OF LEADERS**

When the Congress President arrived for the meeting Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mr. Shankar Rao Deo and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu were already there. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Mr. Asaf Ali and Acharya Kripalani arrived five minutes later, followed by Dr. Pattabhi Seetharamayya and Babu Rajendraprasad in another car.

The members and invitees from Calcutta who reached Poona by the passenger at 2 p.m. are expected to join the meeting later.

Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh joined the meeting of the Working Committee at 4 p.m. Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant is expected a little later.

**ANTI-PAKISTAN DEMONSTRATION**

Soon after the Working Committee went into session, a batch of Anti-Pakistan Front volunteers came to the gate of the Nature Cure Clinic and staged a demonstration, expressive of opposition to Pakistan.

**INFORMAL TALKS AMONG LEADERS**

POONA, September 12 (U.P.I.)—Informal discussions on numerous issues facing the Congress Working Committee were held this morning among the leaders, who shortly after their arrival here, drove to Mahatma Gandhi's cottage.

Among those who joined the pourparlers were Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mr. Rajagopalachari, Acharya Kripalani and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu Mr. Shankarrao Deo joined the leaders later.

**COMMUNIST AND COMMUNAL QUESTIONS**

The elections, the attitude towards the Communists and the Communal question are the main items on the Agenda before the Working Committee of the Congress, which will review the political developments in the country since the Simla Conference. The situation will be considered against the background of the two outstanding events—the end of the war and the Labour victory in Britain.

At the outset, the Congress President is expected to place before the Committee the corrsepondence that passed between himself and the Viceroy following the failure of the Simla Conference. The correspondence is said to be of great constitutional importance. It was hoped that after the failure of the Simla Conference, the Viceroy would make another attempt to bring about a settlement of the Indian problem. Although the early convening of the Congress Working Committee reflects the impatience of the Congress, no ultimate decisions are likely to emerge until Lord Wavell returns and makes a statement.

The dissolution of some of the provincial legislatures has given a new angle to the Congress outlok on the forthcoming elections.

The statement of the Congress Pre-

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### *END OF "BLACK DRAGON SOCIETY"*

NEW YORK, Sept. 12, (Reuter): General Douglas MacArthur today ordered the dissolution of the Japanese Black Dragon Society and arrest of seven of its leading members, the C. B. S. correspondent from Tokyo reported.

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### *MOVE AGAINST COLLECTIVE FINES ORDINANCE*

AHMEDABAD, September 11 (U.P.I.)—Mr. Dinkarai Desai has filed a civil suit in the court of a sub-judge of Broach on behalf of Mr. Chunibhai Haribhai and others of the Sarbhon village in the Broach district against the Bombay and the Central Governments.

The plaintiffs pray for declaration that the Ordinance of the Viceroy levying collective fines in villages is illegal and 'ultra vires', that the Bombay Government's notification on the villagers of Sarbhon is illegal and the way in which a collective fine of Rs. 20,000 was recovered should be refunded.

It may be recalled that a fire broke out in the Government grain godown at Sarbhon in May 1944 and all grains were destroyed. The Government subsequently imposed a collective fine of Rs. 20,000 on the village and a sum of Rs. 5,000 was recovered and paid by the villagers under protest.

### *MRS. ASAF ALI WON'T HAVE IT*

(From Our Correspondent)
POONA, Sept. 12.

With reference to the Delhi message published the other day, that Government would be prepared to intern Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali in her house if she were to surrender herself, persons in close touch with Congress circles here reliably understand that Mrs. Asaf Ali has not accepted the suggestion of surrendering herself and that she is not prepared to submit to any restrictions on her movements or work.

**FOUR SICK DESTITUTES DIE**

CALCUTTA, Sept. 12 (A.P.I.): Fifteen sick destitutes were admitted to Calcutta hospitals yesterday, says a Press Note. There were four deaths of such cases in hospitals.

## Britain's Labour Cabinet, At No. 10 Downing Street, London

Front row (left to right) Rt. Hon. Viscount Addison, Secretary of State for Dominions. Lord Jowitt, Lord Chancellor. Sir Stafford Cripps, K.C., President of the Board of Trade. Rt. Hon. Arthur Greenwood, Lord Privy Seal. Rt. Hon. E. Bevin, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Rt. Hon. C. R. Attlee, Prime Minister. Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council. Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty Rt. Hon. J. Chuter Ede, Secretary of State for the Home Department. Rt. Hon. Ellen Wilkinson, Minister of Education. Back row (left to right) Rt. Hon. Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health. Rt. Hon. G. A. Isaacs, Minister of Labour and National Service. Viscount Stansgate, Secretary of State for Air. Rt. Hon. G. H. Hall, Secretary of State for the Colonies. Rt. Hon. Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of State for India and Burma. Rt. Hon. J. J. Lawson, Secretary of State for War. Rt. Hon. J. Westwood, Secretary of State for Scotland. Rt. Hon. Emanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and Power. Rt. Hon. Tom Williams, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

## Peace Treaty With Italy

### Main Problem Before Foreign Ministers Of 'Big Five'

LONDON, Sept. 12 (Reuter): Hammering out the terms of the peace treaty with Italy is the main problem which will occupy the Foreign Ministers of the Five Great Powers who are meeting to-night in Council at Lancaster House, London. Early on this agenda is expected to be a decision whether an Italian delegation is to be invited to take part in the discussion or whether presentation of the Italian case is to lie wholly in the hands of Count Nicholas Carandini, Italy's political representative in London. If an Italian delegation is invited from Rome, it is certain that Yugoslavia will press to be allowed to send a delegation to state Marshal Joseph Tito's view on the Trieste question.

The main issues which the peace treaty with Italy will have to settle include: Frontiers, especially Trieste and the Istrian frontier with Yugoslavia; South Tyrol and the frontier with Austria; Val Daosta and the frontier with France.

The future of the Italian Empire with special reference to the claims of Greece and Abyssinia and the desire for freedom from Italian rule of the tribesmen of Cyrenaica and Tripolitania; and reparation claims.

### *'PATRI SARKAR No. 2'*

#### *Congress Seva Dal Men Arrested At Akluj In Sholapur Dist.*

PANDHARPUR Sept. 12.

About ten persons reported to be volunteers of the Congress Seva Dal were arrested at Akluj in Sholapur district where "Patri Sarkar No. 2" was said to have made its appearance recently.

They are reported to nave been suspected of having taken part in putting up the notice on the shop which was not closed on the day on which 'Hartal' was observed by other shopkeeper to mourn the death of Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Notice had asked the shopkeeper to close it for ten days failing which he would be "removed from this world."

### *NATIONAL PLANNING*

#### *Committee's Additional Meeting In City On Sept. 17*

BOMBAY, Sept. 12 (API): An additional meeting of the National Planning Committee will be held here on September 17. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Chairman of the Committee, is expected to come for the meeting after attending the Congress Working Committee meeting at Poona.

**LATEST COMMERCIAL**

**COTTON (OCTOBER)**

| | New York, Sept. 12 |
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| Previous closing | 22.79 |
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| Difference | +02 |
| To-day's closing | 22.85 |
| Difference | +06 |

# Wavell Leaves London To-day

### *Br. Cabinet For Maintaining 'Status Quo' Till Elections Are Over*

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, September 12.

The British Cabinet met last night. Practically every Minister associated with the Indian question was present to put on the final touches to the outcome of the talks with Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India, who is leaving tomorrow morning for India after another meeting of the Cabinet today.

After arrival in India Lord Wavell will issue a statement which is not likely to be optimistic.

**THREE VIEWS BEFORE CABINET**

The Cabinet had three points view before it as represented by (1) the Prime Minister, Mr. Bevin and Lord Pethick-Lawrence, (2) Sir Stafford Cripps and Lord Listowel and (3) Lord Wavell himself.

**"STATUS QUO" TO REMAIN**

It appears that the Cabinet decided to maintain the "status quo" and await events consequent on the forthcoming elections. There is no prospect of revocation of Sec. 93 in Provinces at present administered by the Governors.

Only two things Lord Wavell is expected to do after return —explore the possibility of completely Indianising his present Executive and report to the Cabinet names of suitable Indians as prospective Governors.

It is learnt that some members of the Cabinet are alarmed by the report from India that the Indian National Congress may boycott the elections!

### *Wavell To Make Statement On Return To India*

LONDON, Sept. 12 (A.P.A.). It was reliably understood that Lord Wavell would make a statement after returning to India and discussing with his Executive Council matters on which he conferred with Government officials in London.

Well-informed quarters in London said they expected no drastic changes in Britain's policy toward India as a result of Lord Wavell's visit to London.

### *BOSITE SECEDERS BACK TO FOLD*

CALCUTTA, Sept. 12 (U.P.I.)

A section of the Congress workers who left the official Congress under Mr. Subhas Bose have decided to join the Bengal Provincial Congress unconditionally at a meeting and issued a statement announcing their decision. It is learnt that they have wired to the Congress President, Maulana Azad in this connection and Maulana Azad has assured that all differences would be composed on his return to Calcutta.

Signatories to the aforesaid statement include rMs. Hemaprova Mazumdar, M.L.A., Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu M.L.A., Mr. Charu Roy, M.L.A., and Mr. Abdul Malek.

## Atomic Power For Trains

### New York Central Railway To Conduct Experiment

LONDON, Sept. 12 (Reuter): An experiment on the possibility of driving the railway engine by atomic power will be conducted in the United States in one of the locomotives of the New York Central Railway, reports the "Daily Telegraph" from New York.

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Mr. Ralph Luas, Chief Engineer for the United States Industrial and Development Company, explained that the engine will be fitted with a mercury turbine employing the formula for the disintegration of mercury and steel atoms.

"One teacupful of mercury atoms exploded would run a locomotive pulling 120 goods wagons for 45 return journeys between New York and San Francisco" (270,000 miles) he said.

## TOJO 'NOT OUT OF DANGER'

TOKYO, Sept. 12 (Reuter): General Hideki Tojo, who yesterday attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself rather than face trial by the Allies as a war criminal was given the fourth blood transfusion at an American field hospital in Yokohama early to-day.

Twenty thousand units of penicillin have also been injected and he is still not out of danger.

There is a possibility that puss may be forming in his left lung.

His temperature this morning was 100.4.

**FORMER JAP CABINET MEMBERS ARRESTED**

Cabling from Tokio, Robert Reuben, Reuter's Special Correspondent says that General MacArthur's "gloves off" list of ordered arrests now includes nine men who were members of the Japanese Cabinet at the time of Pearl Harbour. It is expected that they may have to stand trial as war criminals.

Among them are Admiral Shimada, Navy Minister, and Shigenori Togo, Minister for Foreign and Colonial Affairs.

**"Floating Isle" Wins Aqueduct Steeplechase**

ACQUEDUCT RACE TRACK NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (UPA): FLOATING ISLE, 5-year-id son of 'Battleship,' leaping 17 hurdles in a driving rain, set a new track record of two and one half miles yesterday in four minutes fifty one and one-fifth seconds to win the dol 7500 Glendale Steepiechase. 'Mercator' finished second, a head behind the winner. 'Soldier Song' was third.

## SUGIYAMA COMMITS SUICIDE

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (Reuter).—The joint head of the Supreme Command of the Japanese Army and former Minister of War, Field Marshal Sugiyama, has committed suide, according to a Tokyo Radio report.

**JAP CABINET MEETS**

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (Reuter).—A special session of the Japanese Cabinet has been called to discuss Gen. MacArthur's designation of members of Gen. Tojo's Pearl Harbour Cabinet as among those to be taken into custody, according to a despatch reaching here from Tokyo tonight.

## *STOP PRESS*

**CHINESE ENTER HANOI**

CHUNGKING, Sept. 12 (Reuter).—It is officially announced here that Chinese troops have entered Hanoi, the administrative capital of French Indo-China.

## *Jawaharlal On Subhas Bose Death Report*

### Says, He Disbelieves Authenticity Of News

JHANSI, Sept. 11 (A.P.I.)—Pandit Jawharlal Nehru, addressing a big crowd at the local railway station, said that the Congress approach to the elections has changed, and that the Congress now does not approach the individual voter and beg his vote.

He said "We appeal now on issues to the masses. Appeals to the electorate are made in the name of the Congress, and consequently, in the final analysis, it is the Congress and not the individual who enters the election arena. We must strengthen the Congress so that even at a moment's notice, we may be able to mobilise the entire electorate in favour of the Congress."

Continuing Pandit Nehru said that the Congress would have an important programme in the coming months. He could not say what that programme would be, but he hoped it would not be Satyagraha.

**CONGRESSMEN WARNED**

Pandit Nehru also administered a warning to Congressmen who indulge in party intrigues and cliques. "Congress is wedded to the goal of independence, and cannot afford to have in its fold such unbecoming tendencies, and I warn Congressmen that we are going to deal severely and ruthlessly with all those, however high-placed they might be, who indulge in such dirty devices."

Asked by a Congressman about the reported death of Subhas Chandra Bose, Pandit Nehru said that like many other people, he also did not believe the story. Further questioned as to whether he had received any fresh reports after his recent Press Conference at Delhi where an American Press correspondent challenged the accuracy of the story, Pandit Nehru declared: "Yes, I have received a number of reports which have raised in me grave doubts and I disbelieve the authenticity of the news."

### *INDIAN TROOPS FOR TOKYO*

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12, (A. P. I.): Although the Indian Army was not represented at the signing of Japanese surrender terms on board the "Missouri" in the Tokyo Bay, it is learned that Indian troops will take part in the occupation of Tokyo.

### *RUIKAR'S TRIBUTE TO SUBHAS*

NAGPUR, Sept. 12 (U.P.I.)—"Subhas Babu may be dead or alive but his spirit which fought for the country's independence is alive," said Mr. R. S. Ruiker, former Acting President of the All-India Forward Bloc, addressing a mammoth gathering at Chitnis Park last evening replying to an enthusiastic welcome accorded to him under the joint auspices of the Nagpur Textile Union and the Nagpur Congress Committee.

Mr. Ruikar added that there was no difference between the Forward Bloc and the Congress, and declared that he and his colleagues would strive to achieve the country's freedom under the Congress banner. He criticised the repressive policy of Government and denounced the Communist tactics in attempting disruption within the Congress and misleading the masses.

Dr Bhojraj said that the present period of despair should be utilised to strengthen the Congress within and prepare the masses for the next and final struggle for freedom.

Dr. S. G. Patwardhan, Dr. Bhojraj, Mr. V V. Subedhar, Congress M.L.A Mr. Satyanarayan Bajaj, and other Forward Bloc workers were also accorded reception.

### *How Bose 'Saved' Ceylon*

SEAC HQ., Sept. 12 (A.P.I.): The Japanese original invasion plan was changed by the arrival of Subhas Chandra Bose at Singapore after the fall of the base. Det Jayakoddy a 64-year-old Ceylonese resident of Singapore, told the special correspondent of Colombo's "Ceylon Daily News."

He said that the Japanese original plan after capturing Singapore, was to take Ceylon, secure it as a base and then work up to India and Burma. Subhas Chandra Bose, however, persuaded them that it would be better to embark on an invasion of India through Burma.

Mr. Jayakoddy declared that he showed the utmost reluctance to join Bose's Independence League, but was compelled to do so by the Japanese at the point of the bayonet on the ground that Japan, Ceylon and India were an entity.

# Demand For Abolition Of India Office

### Congressmen's Committee's Manifesto Urges Recognition Of India's Status

LONDON, Sept. 12 (A.P.I.): The Foreign Secretaries Conference and all members of Parliament are to receive copies of the manifesto of the Committee of Indian Congressmen demanding that Mr. Bevin's declaration regarding the abolition of India Office be carried out forthwith and Government statement be issued regarding India's status as an equal member with Canada and Australia in the British Commonwealth and the comity of United Nations family, A. P. I. political correspondent understands.

It is gathered that the manifesto will inform the Government that "following a wave of hope and expectancy which swept India from corner to corner "after the result of the general election" the Committee now feels it to be the issue of highest priority that the Labour Party shall not dissipate the store of goodwill thus accumulated or fail to seize the opportune moment to establish on basis of deeds cordial psychological rapport."

Discussing the release of Indian prisoners, the document declares: "It will be mockery of free general elections in India if considerable numbers of key members of the Indian National Congress and its associated organisations are still kept in prison and still other popular leaders disabled from standing as candidates."

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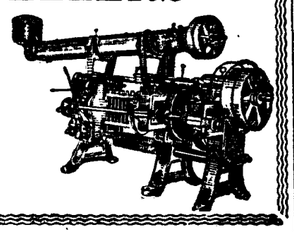

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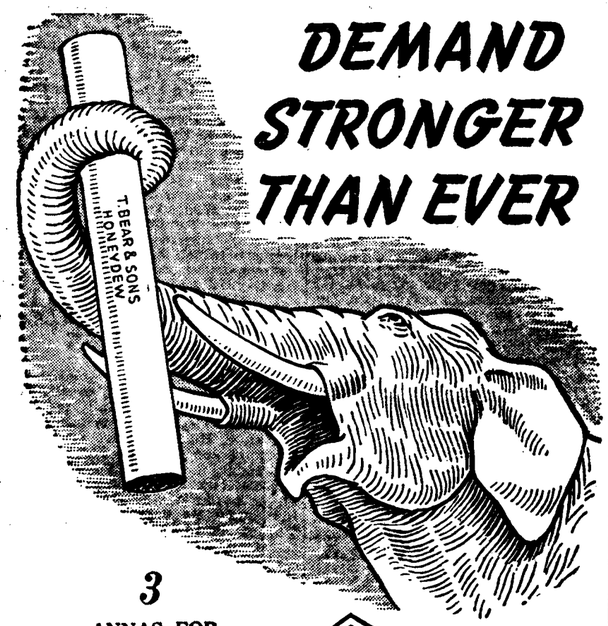


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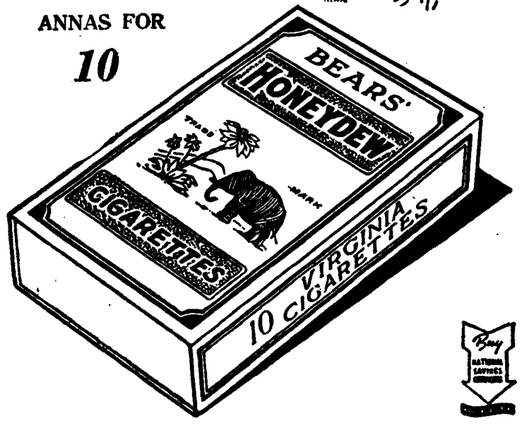


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# UNSATISFACTORY WORKING OF SHOLAPUR MILLS

## SHAREHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION DEMANDS INVESTIGATION

Messrs Nagardas Manordas and Markandrai B. Mehta, Hon. Secretaries of the Sholapur Mills Shareholders' Association write:—

The investing public generally and the shareholders of the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Mills Ltd. in particular are indebted to your paper which is for years the recognised commercial paper of Bombay, for championing the cause of the shareholders. In December last your paper thoroughly exposed the scandalous way things were managed and as were noticed at the last annual general meeting of the mills. The management was heckled regarding the various unsatisfactory features and acts of commission and omission as noticed from the proceedings of the meeting and the balance sheet and accounts in the hands of the shareholders. The outstanding feature related to the investigations by a Committee of the Directors in respect of certain matters pertaining to stores and cotton purchases, cloth sales and other matters of general administration. The remarks wherefor appeared in the Auditors' Report which stated; "Loss or damage had been occasioned to the Company by the negligence and serious dereliction of duties displayed by a representative of the Managing Agent."

It might also interest shareholders and the public to recollect that the Government took over at one time, particularly in the case of Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Co. Ltd., the entire control of the Sales Dept. At the last annual general meeting shareholders on a show of hands carried the day in the ratio of 70 to 20 (20 include the management and the Directors). All amendments and resolutions including one drafted by a leading senior Counsel of Bombay as also the views of some eminent solicitors present at the meeting were not respected and were either ruled out of order in a fury or were outvoted by the force of proxy votes held by the management. This autocratic behaviour had its repurcussions at a later stage in the chairman being outvoted on a show of hands in respect of his re-election as a director. It further culminated into a spirit of exasperation on the part of the shareholders ultimately leading to a petition to His Excellency the Governor under Section 138 of the Indian Companies Act for an investigation into the affairs of the Company—a feature unprecedented. Further developments are awaited.

Before this can fructify an atomic bomb in the shape of the results of the latest accounts as per the balance sheet just published has been flung in the face of the shareholders as revealed by the utterly disappointing results. A Committee of the Sholapur Mills' Shareholders' Association has gone into facts and figures and has the following remarks for ready reference:-

TABLE

| Mills working in Sholapur. | Year ending. | Cotton Consumed in lacs. | Total Production in lacs. | Ratio of production to Cotton. | Gross profits. in lacs. | percentage of profits on 1943 Basis. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sholapur Spg. & Wvg. Co. Ltd. | 31—3—1943 | 89.88 | 296.86 | 3.3 | 89.95 | 100 |
| Looms 2234 | 31—3—1944 | 152.69 | 376.71 | 2.47 | 64.14 | 71 |
| Spindles 1,11,360 | 31—3—1945 | 127.15 | 297.13 | 2.33 | 33.0 | 36 |
| Laxmi Cotton | 31—12—1942 | 34.59 | 153.22 | 3.9 | 41.90 | 100 |
| Looms 944 | 31—12—1943 | 59.69 | 203.66 | 3.44 | 75.20 | 179 |
| Spindles 45792 | 31—12—1944 | 62.64 | 178.22 | 2.84 | 48.88 | 116 |
| Vishnu Cotton. | 31—12—1942 | 40.93 | 137.41 | 3.34 | 36.44 | 100 |
| Looms 1417 | 31—12—1943 | 70.57 | 237.31 | 3.38 | 77.17 | 211 |
| Spindles 49392 | 31—12—1944 | 73.56 | 205.16 | 2.80 | 52.50 | 144 |

The above table provides for comparison some salient features of the working of the various mills in Sholapur (Jam Ranjit is omitted as the latest accounts are not published.)

1. The ratio of the realization value of the cloth and yarn produced by Sholapur Mills Ltd. as compared to cotton consumed is (2.33) extremely poor in comparison to those of Laxmi and Vishnu (the former being 2.84 and the latter 2.80.)

2. The Sholapur Spg. and Wvg. Mills Ltd. is nearly two and half times as large as Laxmi Cotton and twice as large as Vishnu Cotton Mills and yet the value of the productions are, Sholapur 297.13 lakhs, Laxmi Cotton 178.22 lakhs and Vishnu Cotton 205.16 lakhs and Sholapur mills have shown a staggeringly low profit of 33 lakhs compared to 48.86 lakhs made by Laxmi Cotton and 52.5 lakhs by Vishnu Cotton.

3. The items in respect of the Tent Manufacturing Dept. call for the greatest scrutiny under the present circumstances. Throughout India contractors and tent Manufacturers are exceptionally busy and are minting money. Our concern supplies materials at cost to our tent Manufacturing Department, sacrificing a large portion of revenue which at any rate is reported to be over 20 per cent, as is clear from the audited balance sheets of Laxmi and Vishnu Mills and the selling price of cloths fixed by the Government as allowed to mills by way of margin of profit. Sholapur Mills are well known for the manufacture of the type of cloth suited for tents. We should therefore, be able to make substantial profits. During the year 1944-45 the Mills supplied 14.85 lakhs worth of tents and the profits of Rs. 79,000 made by the mills is to say, the least, an item of serious investigation. It should be noted that during the preceding years a supply o 10.44 lakhs revealed a profit of 2.46 lakhs. Comment is superfluous.

4. The working of the Latur Ginning and Pressing Factory shows a loss of Rs. 48,000 against a profit of 13,000 in 1943-44 and Rs. 1,43,000 in 1942-43. We hope this is not the precursor of a proposal for sale of the concern. An investigation is certainly necessary.

5. It is rather surprising that the low charges should this year be so abnormal, i.e., Rs. 32,000 instead of Rs. 10,000 last year.

6. Last year, Mr Bhabha who was in the chair characterised the management as satisfactory and defended the management against the strong criticism of shareholders by saying that the plant of Sholapur Mills was old and that comparisons with Laxmi, Vishnu, and Jam Ranji was of the nature of a horse with a donkey. The table given above shows that in 1942-43 Sholapur Spinning Mills showed a relatively better working as compared with Laxmi and Vishnu than in the years 1944 and 1945. What was then a horse in 1942 has, according to Mr. Bhabha's admission, turned into a donkey, under his own stewardship assisted by his Marwari colleagues, in 1944 and 45!

The challenge thrown out by Mr. Bhabha to the shareholders that Sholapur Mills faired better than others was taken up by a shareholder, but it is surprising that Mr. Bhabha the Chairman, has not followed it up. We shall welcome the chairman and the management to vindicate their position.

Coming to the balance-sheet an item though last but not of the least importance, rather a paramount one, is the one relating to the Debenture Sinking Fund and the premium on shares both together amounting to Rs. 35,30,000. Now the debentures are extinct for all practical purposes. The preference shares are repayable at the option of the company, which option is not in the interests of the managing agents to exercise in view of this being the whip in their hands to control the minority shareholders by virtue of the voting rights acquired by their holding of preference shares.

It is therefore right that the ordinary shareholders should try their level best to force the management to repay the preference shares and this can only be done if the uncalled liability of Rs. 50, on each preference share is cancelled. For this purpose the reserve funds of Rs. 35,50,000 which are lying idle as mentioned above should be converted into a Fund for the redemption of preference share.

Finally we appeal to all shareholders to muster strong at the annual general meeting to be held on 20th inst. and to send us their proxies, if they are unable to attend in person.

### FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE OF RS. 2 LAKHS

(From Our Correspondent)
AKOLA, Sept. 11.

A terrible fire broke out to-day at 3-30 p.m. in the premises of Bharat Pictures, Ltd., near Rajasthan Bhuwan. The loss by the outbreak is estimated at nearly two lakhs of rupees.

### HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA

LONDON, Sept. 12 (U.P.A.): The appointment of a British High Commissioner for India apparently can be accepted as a foregone conclusion following Lord Wavell's current conversations, but the British Government's India policy will not be made known until after the elections which probably will be held early next year, writes Harold Guard, United Press Staff Correspondent.

### ICKES TO FLY TO LONDON TO RESUME OIL TALKS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (Reuter): The Secretary for the Interior, Mr. Harold L. Ickes, plans to fly to London to-day to resume Anglo-American oil talks, it was learned authoritatively here to-day. Assigned by President Truman, Mr. Ickes will attempt to renegotiate the oil agreement regarding Middle East oil interests since the results of earlier talks were cancelled at the request of oil interests here.

# ATOMIC BOMBS IN THE LIFE-CYCLE OF MEN AND WOMEN

Prof. Devacharya, (M.A. Vedabhushan, Tatwa-Sindhu, president Neo-Oriental Mental Research Society) of international fame comes to Bombay for a week and suggests preventive measures.

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Remember, your health, your beauty, your fame, your wealth and your mental happiness—all depend on forces which are only partially known to you and the mysterious wide and complex world is always baffling your onward march in life. Why don't you come to a doctor of life, or better, to a guide who (by the simple fact of a longer experience of the myriad paths of life, skill and tradition of centuries of Brahminical intellect and intuition inherited from forefathers and a developed will power as as a result of years of physical and mental sacrifice and training) can help you in winning success and avoiding errors the value of which you will forever cherish?

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Remember, you may be yourself under a superstition in considering a thing about which you have never cared to know as an affair of superstition.

A stich in time will save you and your wife and children from nine big holes of life: (1) loss of health, (2) loss of wealth, (3) loss of beauty, (4) loss of reputation, (5) loss of mental equilibrium, (6) loss of affection, (7) loss of conjugal love, (8) loss of faith and (9) and the loss of an outlook on life.

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# BHOPAL LEADER'S COMPLAINT TO JAWAHAR

## No Freedom Of Speech Even In Municipal Elections

(From Our Correspondent).

BHOPAL, Sept. 11.—The platform at Bhopal Railway station was thundering last night with cries of "Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Zindabad" when a large crowd welcomed Pandit Nehru who was travelling by the Punjab Mail.

The leader of Bhopal State People's Conference Khan Shakiralikhan and several others garlanded Jawaharlal. Khan Shakiralikhan acquainted Pandit Nehru with the present conditions in Bhopal. He told Pandit Nehru that even in the Municipal elections they have no freedom of speech or meeting. Hardly six meetings have been allowed on certain conditions when the Bhopal State People's Conference applied for permission for holding 27 public meetings for carrying on propaganda in connection with the Municipal elections. Pandit Nehru smiled and remarked that "Oh, after all Bhopal has given permission for holding six public meetings."

### U. P. LEAGUE MEETING ON SEPT. 15

LUCKNOW, Sept. 12 (A.P.I.): The Provincial Muslim League will meet on September 15 and a meeting of the Women's Sub-Committee of the Provincial League will be held on the same date.

The Council will meet on September 16. The agenda before the Council includes the election of the office-bearers, formation of a Parliamentary Board, and the election of representatives to the All-India Muslim League Council.

### NO INCREASE IN RAILWAY FARES

NEW DELHI, Sept. 11 (A.P.I.): The report in certain newspapers to the effect that the Railway Board proposes an increase in railway fares from October 1, 1945, is without foundation, says a Press Note.

(From Our Correspondent)
POONA, Sept. 9

Mr. H. V. R. Iyengar, I.C.S., Additional Secretary, Department of Planning and Industries, Government of India and Mrs. Iyengar were entertained to an evening party by Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer at the Turf Club this evening when a large number of officials and non-officials were present.


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*To-day*

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Sunrise 7-26 a.m., Sunset 7-43 p.m.
Hightide 4-34, 16-02.
Lowtide 10-02, 22-22.
Corporation Meeting at 2 p.m.

*To-day's Engagements*

B.P.C.C.: An urgent meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held today at 6-30 p.m. at the Congress House.

BOMBAY DELEGATES' MEETING: A meeting of the delegates from the Province of Bombay will be held today at 6 p.m. at the Congress House, to co-opt a member on the B.P.C.C. in the vacancy caused by the death of Shri Jinabhai P. Joshi.

A.I.C.C. COMMITTEES: The following committees (A.I.C.C.) will meet today at the Congress House: Contact & Communication at 6 p.m., Accommodation Committee at 6-30 p.m., Reception Committee at 7 p.m. and Refreshment Committee at 7 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Congress House. There will be no meeting of the Arrangements inside and outside Committee and Pandal Committee today.

SAFETY FIRST ASSOCIATION OF INDIA: Annual meeting of Provincial Branch and All-India Body at 5-45 and 6-15 p.m. (N.S.T.) today respectively at Electric House, Fort.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF POLITICS, ECONOMICS & SOCIOLOGY: Study circle in Sociology will meet at 6-30 p.m. today. Dr. G. M. D. Sun will speak on "Feminism" at Arya Bhuvan, Sandhurst Road.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS: Mr. V. R. Talvalkar, former State Architect and Chief Engineer, Baroda, will speak on "Solanki Architecture: Its origin and influence" today at 6-30 p.m. at the Institute. Mr. H. Foster King will preside.

GOKULDAS WADI: Ganesh Utsava Harikirtan at 9-30 p.m. today.

YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSN: Ganesh Utsava lecture by Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas on "Work Before Us" at Vithalbhai Patel Road today 7 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: Municipal Commissioner and Councillors of Ward No. 4—Umarkhadi—Dongri, will meet near the junction of Chinch Bunder Road and Sandhurst Road (near Petrol Station) at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.) today to go round the ward.

W.I.H.M.A.: At a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Western India Homoeopathic Medical Association and resolutions were passed requesting the Bombay Suburban District Hospital Committee to include the fixed plan of a regular Homoeopathic Hospital and Medical College in the proposed scheme of a Suburban Hospital from the Nanavati Charity Trust.

GRANT MEDICAL COLLEGE: Annual function and presentation of the farewell addresses postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Telegrams with special instructions "Poste Restante" and "Telegraph Restante" are now accepted for Iraq.

SIR MANGALDAS NATHUBHAI DISPENSARY: The total number of patients treated in this charitable dispensary, during August 1945, was 1950, (926 males and 1,024 females).

BOMBAY NURSING COUNCIL

The result of the Midwifery, Assistant Midwives and Preliminary Health Visitors' Examinations were declared on Wednesday. The following are the numbers of the successful candidates:

MIDWIFERY: 1 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 10 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 33 36 37 41 42 43 44 45 47 49 52 53 54 55 57 58 59 61 and 62. (43/62).

ASSISTANT MIDWIVES: 63 64 65 66 67 (5/8).

PRELIMINARY HEALTH VISITORS: 1, 2, 3 4 5 6 7 8 (8/8).

"BATTLE OF BRITAIN" DAY

His Majesty the King-Emperor has decided that the celebration of the "Battle of Britain" should be held this year on Sunday, September 16. The Governor of Bombay hopes that heads of religious communities in this Province will co-operate in observing September 16 as a special day of prayer and that as many of the public as possible will attend the services which will be arranged.

VEGETABLE PRICES

The following vegetables are sold at selected Government Grain Shops in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District (the rates are per lb.):—

Turia, Re. 0-2-0; Suran, Re. 0-3-0; Tondli, Re. 0-3-0; Parwar, Re. 0-4-0; Guvar, Re. 0-2-0; Lemons, Re. 0-3-0; Bhendi, Re. 0-2-6; Dudhia, Re. 0-2-0; Cucumber, Re. 0-2-0; Tomatoes (Ripe), Re. 0-2-6; Tomatoes (Raw), Re. 0-1-6; Karela, Re. 0-3-0; Pumpkin, Re. 0-1-0; Green Peas, Re. 0-4-0; Chillies, Re. 0-3-0; Turpins, Re. 0-1-0; Frenchbeans, Re. 0-1-0.

### TO-DAY ON RADIO
THURSDAY SEPT. 13.
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244 m.—8.0 a.m. News (E), 8-15 News (G), 8.30 Gajanan Karnad, 8-45 'Darshan", 8-50 News (M), 9.0 News (G), 9-10 To-morrow, 9-15 Geet, 9-30 V. A. Kagalkar.

12.30 Variety, 12-45 News (M), 12-50 News (G), 12-55 News (E), 1-0 Selections, 1-30 News (E), 1-40 Lunch Music 2.30 For Women (M), 4-0 School Broadcast, 5.0 C. S. Deshpande, 5.15 Sundrabai, 5-45 Topical Talk, 5-55 Locals 6-0 Krishna Kulkarni, 6.15 Vali Mohammad (G), 6.30 News (E), 6-40 News (H), 6-45 Choruses, 7.0 Itihas Ni Eran Per (G), 7-15 C. S. Deshpande, 7-30 Suhdrabai, 7.45 Vali Mohammad (G), 8.0 Gajanan Karnad, 8.15 News (M), 8-30 News (G), 8-45 Listeners' Requests, 9.0 News (H), 9-20 News (E), 9.30 B. B. C. News, 9-40 Nat Bihag 9-45 Sports Review (E), 10.0 Shanti Seldon: Pianoforte, 10.30 Interlude, 10.35 Male Quartet, 10-50 Hilda Flanders.

# B.P.C.C. TO DEMAND RELEASE OF POLITICALS

## *Preparations For A.-I.C.C. Meeting In Full Swing*

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will hold a special meeting in the near future to demand the release of political prisoners who are still under detention.

The Committee will particularly demand the release of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose.

This move, it is understood, will be followed up by the rest of the Provincial Committees in India.

Suggestions have been made by several people to the Bombay Provincial Committee that in the eventuality of Government's refusal to fulfil this demand, the Congress detainees must be named as candidates for elections to provincial legislatures.

A BUSY WEEK

Prior to their departure for Poona, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and other Congress leaders gave a clear indication to the B.P.C.C. that the Poona contingent of leaders will not be able to reach Bombay for the A.I.C.C. before September 18. The intervening week will be fully utilised by the B. P. C. C. for preparations for the A. I. C. C. meeting and for the electoral roll campaign.

ART IN POLITICS

The A.I.C.C. pandal is getting into shape, the mammoth bamboo framework having been completed. Work on the main gate to the pandal will be undertaken by artists of the well-known cine company of Bombay—Rajkamal Kalamandir.

HOLIDAYS FOR A.I.C.C.

The B.P.C.C. has addressed letters to all the important commercial organisations in Bombay requesting them to declare September 21 and 22 as holidays. It is understood that several organisations have already agreed to do so.

CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

On the eve of the A.I.C.C. meeting, the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will launch a series of publications called the Congress Publications. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya's "Sixty years of the Congress" will be the first on the schedule.

# *CLEAR & DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION*

## *Nariman Supports Congress President's Statement On Self-Determination*

Mr. K. F. Nariman, M.L.A., Bombay, has issued the following statement:

Dr. G. V. Deshmukh, M.L.A.'s statement on the right of self-determination is evidently intended as a criticism and opposition to a recent declaration by the Congress President on the subject, endorsed by all prominent nationalist Muslims, who have been for many years most faithful and loyal devotees of the Congress cause. Dr. Deshmukh has apparently not fully grasped or appreciated the nationalist Muslims' point of view. His remarks; "these rights of self-determination and the consequent right of secession, should not only be given to major communities, like Hindus and Muslims, but to all other communities like, Sikhs, Untouchables, Parsees, Jews, Christians, Anglo-Indians and other minorities", is an ironical suggestion based on an entire misconception and misreading of the Congress President's statement. As far as I can understand, the nationalist Muslims, in the said statement, have not conceded any right of self-determination or secession to any community as such, be it major or minor. The "Unit" entitled or recommended for these rights, in the said statement, is a political and well-defined territorial unit, and if a joint vote of all communities inhabiting that particular well-defined political unit, by a vast majority, demands these fundamental rights, then it would be contrary to the elementary and well-recognised principles of democracy, to refuse and reject such a constitutional demand.

IRRELEVANT

Nor, as suggested by Dr. Deshmukh, the Russian example, principle or policy has got anything to do with such concessions or rights. The Russian quotation is quite out of place and irrelevant, so far as this statement is concerned. All democratic states, including the most imperialistic Government of Great Britain, and the republican state of United States of America, have conceded these rights, not to any particular community or group of people, but to all political territorial units, and all the British colonies consider it a most cherished right, given to them by the 'Statute of Westminster'; and it is this wise and statesmanlike policy adopted by the mother-country, that has made the colonies still cling to her for years, in spite of many fundamental differences. It is due to the concession of this right, that Ireland, technically a part of the Empire, is in reality and to all intents and purposes, an independent and free state, as was clearly demonstrated during the last war, wherein she continued her neutrality throughout the period.

AVOID CIVIL WAR

If the League accepts this democratic proposal, without any reservation modification or amendment, recognised by all modern civilised and progressive administrations in the world, it would be the only practical, suitable, constitutional and democratic solution of the existing communal stalemate and tangle. As far as I am able to understand, the League is not prepared to accept the verdict of the whole mixed population of a territorial unit, but claims the acceptance of Muslim vote alone, in the Muslim majority provinces, as the sole determining factor. That claim cannot be sustained as a democratic and political right of self-determination, and Dr. Deshmukh's criticism will certainly apply to concession of such a demand. The Congress as a democratic and nationalist mass organisation, should not only wholeheartedly endorse the President's declaration, but should take effective steps to supplement it as the official Congress policy. That would vindicate and justify its political status, and thus, far from causing any disruption as Dr. Deshmukh apprehends, I feel that such an attitude, would, at the same time, furnish a clear and democratic alternative and solution, to the existing depressing stalemate. Otherwise, if the situation is allowed to drift as it has been deteriorating so rapidly for some years past, it may lead to a disastrous civil war, and instead of either "Akhand Hindustan or "Pakistan", the unfortunate future generation may witness the ghastly sight of the whole country transformed into a "Kabristan".

## HEALTH CONDITIONS IN PROVINCE

Cholera figures in the Province during the week were 899 cases and 443 deaths, against 1,201-591 reported in the previous week and 1,600-813 revised figures for that week. Figures by Districts were East Khandesh 258-123, against 453-222, reported and 493-257 revised Satara 110-63, against 94-51 reported and 141-92 revised; West Khandesh 106-57, against 149-92 reported and 204-126 revised; Sholapur 95-50, against 143-69 reported and 128-92 revised; Kaira 76-33, against 113-49 reported and 116-50 revised; Poona 51-25, against 41-17, reported and 123-46 revised; Bijapur 51-21, against 81-27 reported and 85-31 revised; Panch Mahals 37-14, against 46-23 reported and 47-24 revised; Surat 33-22, against 25-12; Ahmednagar 29-11, against 48-18; Dharwar 27-15, against 41-21; Nasik 15-5, against 10-6 reported and 91-35 revised; Belgaum 12-2, against 2-1 reported and 6-4 revised; Ahmedabad 1-1, against 2-1; Thana 1-1, against 8-3; and Bombay City 3-0 (imported) against 1-0.

103 villages reported cholera infection in East Khandesh District during the week, of which 11 were newly infected. In West Khandesh 27 villages reported infection, of which 8 were newly infected. In Satara District 46 villages reported infection, of which 12 were newly infected. 48 villages in Sholapur District reported infection. Of these 3 were newly infected. In Kaira District 17 villages reported infection, of which 6 were newly infected.

PLAGUE

Plague figures for the Province during the week were 407 cases and 193 deaths, against 160-56 reported in the previous week and 353-113 revised figures for that week. By Districts the figures were Satara 126-58, against 67-23 reported and 108-38 revised; Sholapur 94-61, against 24-6 reported and 73-16 revised; Belgaum 76-36, against 48-22 reported and 63-28 revised; Ahmednagar 37-25, against 1-0 reported and 41-25 revised; Nasik 37-6, against 15-0 reported and 34-3 revised; Poona 17-4, against 3-2 reported and 29-10 revised; Kolaba 7-1, against nil; Dharwar 7-1 against 4-3; Ratnagiri 3-1, against 1-0; and Bombay City 1-0 (imported) against nil.

27 villages in Satara District are reporting Plague infection.

In Sholapur District 26 villages have been affected. In Belgaum District 18 villages have reported infection. In Ahmednagar District 7 villages, in Nasik 5 villages, in Poona 12 villages, in Kolaba 2 villages, in Dharwar 1 village and in Ratnagiri 2 villages are reporting plague infection.

The total number of anti-plague inoculations performed during the week was 29,804, the progressive total from the beginning of the current year being 2,92,962.

W.A.C.(I.) SERGEANT ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED CHEATING

A W.A.C. (I.) Sergeant in Bombay approached a woman in March 1943 with a request to lend her some articles as the wedding of her brother-in-law was drawing nigh.

Later, the woman came to know that she had been fooled, that there was no such wedding and that all her articles had been pledged with different Marwaris.

Hazel Rebello (31), the suspect, who was absconding was arrested by the Byculla police on Sunday. She was placed before Mr. M. Nasrullah, Presidency Magistrate, at the Masagaon Police Court, when her bail period was extended.

RAJADHYAKSHA SCHOLARSHIPS

The managing Committee of the Rao Bahadur S. V. Rajadhyaksha G. S. B. Foreign Education Society invite applications upto September 30, 1945, for one or two loan-scholarships of the aggregate value of about Rs. 5,000, from persons belonging to the Gowd Saraswat Brahman community desirous of proceeding to a foreign country for higher education. Forms of application and rules can be had from the Hon. Secretaries at the Chikitsaka Samuha Building, (Top floor), Kandewadi, Bombay 4.

A.-I.T.U.C. CHIEF FOR BOMBAY

CALCUTTA, Sept. 11 (U.P.I.): Mr. Mrinal Kanti Bose, President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, left for Bombay to-day by the B. N. R. Mail to preside over an emergent meeting of the Working Committee of the A.-I.T.U.C. to be held there on September 14.

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### WEATHER CHART

POONA, Sept. 12. (A.P.I.) The following is the weather chart, showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, from 1st Jan. 1945, and departure from normal recorded at 9 hours (I S T) on 12th September 1945:—

Allahabad 84 78 1.7 30.4 minus 3.7, BOMBAY 87 76 0.1 84.1, Calcutta 88 79 0.1 32.6 minus 19.0, Cawnpore 85 77 0.5 18.8 minus 11.8, New Delhi 85 76 1.9 20 0 minus 2.6, Jacobabay 102 82 0 0.6 plus 2.3, Karachi 85 78 T 6.3 minus 0.9, Lahore 95 79 0 18.2 plus 0.5, Lucknow 82 77 0.4 25 7 minus 8.9, Madras 94 79 0 19.7 minus 14.1, Mysore 84 64 0 20 1 plus 0.7, Nagpur 86 74 T 48.3 plus 7.7, Patna 91 81 0 7.6 minus 11.0, Simla Yu 58 0.5 56.1 plus 1.1 Surat 88 76 0.6 41 3 plus 4.8.

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*"If ever we are seized with despondency, we shall not forget that in a national movement, endurance itself is a victory and keeping alive of the national spirit is itself an end."*
—Dr. Sir Rash Behari Ghose.

The Bombay Chronicle

## A NECESSARY WARNING

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, not inaptly described by the Associted Press of America as "the iron-handed organisational 'executive in the Congress", is not in the habit of indulging in threats. It is rather his way to be reticent about his plans, to go on organising quietly and strike when the time comes. When such a man feels constrained to warn that "Indians themselves will take control of their country within five years if the British did not allow it earlier", it is clear that he is provoked by the anomalies of the present situation into expressing the innermost thought in his mind. The war has ended, yet numerous war-time prisoners, detained without a trial, continue to be in jail. The gospel of forget and forgive is preached by the Viceroy but official performances belie it. Free elections are promised but, apart from thousands of Congressmen being in jail and unable to help in election work, war-time bans on meetings and demonstrations continue in most provinces. That is not all. Electoral rolls are everywhere found to be extra-ordinarily defective. According to our Cuttack correspondent, a random check of rolls in a few villages conducted by a Congress Committee shows that 60 per cent of the entries in the rolls are incorrect and women voters are generally left out. Sardar Vallabhbhai has reason to wonder if all this means "a challenge as to whether the Government wanted Congress strength to show up in the elections". However, except where the pitch is scandalously queered for the Congress, it seems best to take up the challenge and show what Congress can do against a veritable conspiracy of odds.

It appears that even some British Labour leaders have become suspicious of the circumstances in which the elections are proposed to be held. According to our London correspondent the consensus of feeling in parliamentary circles is that, instead of accepting official assurances about elections, a non-official parliamentary delegation should forthwith come to India and remain here throughout the period of elections. We cordially welcome the idea. The delegation will be able to study first-hand the whole Indian problem through its study of the elections, the election programmes of the different parties and the reactions of the people to these. We have no doubt that the Labour party at least will be impressed by the delegation's findings and be in a better position to do its part in the final stages of a settlement with India. As the delegation is not likely to include more than five members it should be easy for Government to ensure passages for them. The delegation will do well to arrange to arrive in India some days before the elections commence.

It is necessary, however, that neither the delegation nor any other plea should delay action by the British Government with regard to the earlier or preparatory stages of a settlement. Whatever can be done before the elections should be done. The discredited Tory policy of drift and divide and rule must be stopped for good. Sardar Vallabhbhai cites the most recent example of that policy when he points out that, even though Lord Wavell went to London with an agreement between the Congress and the League about an interim Government, the then Government rejected it and gave it communal twist and prevented an agreement. The report about Lord Wavell's second mission have encouraged the suspicion that the Labour Government, too, is inclined to follow a policy of drift and postponing everything till the elections are over, without any definite plan as to how a settlement is to be effected thereafter. This is a dangerous policy. If in addition to this the Government also attempts, for selfish imperialist ends, to continue to exploit communal and other differences here, it will, indeed, be a challenge to India to do better. She will certainly do better. Then neither Sardar Vallabhbhai nor other leaders of the Congress will wait for five years to "settle affairs" with Britain.

## I. N. A. And Government

The issues raised by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sir Dilip Singh as regards the position and status of the "Indian National Army" were recently answered in a semi-official note from New Delhi which sought to meet the Indian stand by quoting Oppenheim's International Law. The main point is that the strict letter of international law does not apply, and ought not to be applied, to the men of the Indian National Army. These men were not nationals of a free country which was freely at war. Complications in the interpretation of international law bearing on the subject also arise, as an Allahabad jurist points out, from the fact that a Provisional Government of Azad Hind was recognised by the Axis. Moreover, the principal responsibility for making war prisoners fight against the Allies rests not with the men of the Indian National Army but with the Japanese. This is obvious and is even affirmed by the Allies themselves.

Another very important contribution to the problem of the Indian National Army has just been made in a statement by two Liberal and eminent members of the Council of State, Dr. Hridaya Nath Kunzru and Mr. P. N. Sapru. While emphasising that men of the I.N.A. were "misguided" and would have been opposed by Indians if they had invaded India, these Liberals also insist that their patriotism cannot be doubted. But that is not all. They have urged certain local factors, too, which were responsible for the unfortunate choice of those misguided people. Revealed as these factors are by responsible members of the Council of State, they deserve public notice and Government's serious considerations. In Singapore, some Indian troops are reported to have been told that, the Japanese being in occupation, they would in future carry out the orders of their new masters. And as regards civilian recruits, the racial and disrciminatory policy adopted by the British authorities in the matter of evacuation from Penang and Singapore "must have inflamed the feelings of the civilians when the power they had trusted so long had abandoned them to their fate." The case for the reconsideration of Government's decision, as made out by Indians of such widely differing opinions and persuasions as Congress leaders, Sir Dulip Singh, Dr. Kunzru, Mr. Sapru and Mr. Lari, is as necessary as it is clear. Furthermore, Government must know now that Indian feeling and sentiment are without any exception in favour of a far more generous treatment of the I.N.A. than announced by the Government. Messrs. Kunzru and Sapru urge a "bolder policy" which it is the duty of Government, if it is responsive to public opinion and does not deliberately ignore special circumstances, to adopt.

## Frankly Speaking

### Scientific Research In Russia

It is not surprising to learn that the Soviet Government has undertaken a vast programme of scientific research and has voted more than a thousand billion Rubles for the construction of laboratories, observatories and general equipment. The Soviet Government has always made a speciality of scientific research as it is helpful in war and peace alike. Indeed, Russia's progress in applied science during the last twenty years has by general consent been extra-ordinary. The invention of atomic bomb and its secret being withheld from Russia has naturally determined that country not to lag behind any other country in any branch of science. There is bound to be in every progressive country a tremendous urge towards scientific research in general as a result of the advent of the atomic bomb. Scientists everywhere have to concentrate on the question of atomic energy either to add to the horrors of war or to remedy them or to harness that energy to industrial progress. Already encouraging experiments have been made in America to use it to drive trains. The mind literally reels at the possibilities of atomic energy for purposes of destruction or construction.

### What Of India?

Where is India in respect of scientific research. Apparently, nowhere. But equipped with necessary facilities India can produce many Ramans. Ramanujam is now recognised by many as the greatest mathematician of his time, though he had little or no University education in his early years. It is not unreasonable to assume that there are or will be many more potential geniuses in Science and other branches of knowledge, who with necessary encouragement can make notable contribution to world's knowledge. In native talent and devotion to knowledge for its own sake, Indians will not lag behind others. But scientific research is costly affair and without adequate equipment genius cannot do justice to itself. Nevertheless if the Government of India, the Provincial Governments, the Universities, industrial concerns and philanthropists cooperate in providing the necessary facilities, we have no doubt Indian scientists can make wonderful progress both in theoretical and applied science.

### Arab World's Demand

We learn from our Cairo correspondent that Azzam Bay, Secretary of the Arab League, has requested the Yugo-slav Government to withdraw the demand for the handing over the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem to Yugo-slavia in order to be tried as a war criminal. Azzam Bay has also approached the French Legation on the subject because the ex-Mufti is at present detained in France. The Arab League Secretary's request to the Yugo-Slav Minister has been further supported by an Egpytian Government "demarche" to the latter. These moves constitute a significant proof of the fact that the fate of the Grand Mufti is an issue involving the whole of the Arab world. And rightly so because the fundamental "crime" of the Grand Mufti is that he fought the British mandatory for the rights of Arab Palestine. We are glad the Arab world is speaking with no uncertain voice in matters affecting Palestine and its great leader.

### Beyond Recovery

Having established himself as the supreme authority over Japan, General Douglas MacArthur has now proceeded to the job of attending to the problem of war criminals. It is not Tojo alone who has been arrested. There are ten other members of his Cabinet with him—incidentally, it is not clear on what specific charge Raja Mahendra Pratap has been arrested as a war criminal although India would naturally be interested to know the details. This chapter of arrest and trial for "war crimes" will be a long one and involve a great many Japanese. MacArthur's action will now, we hope, help grousing critics to revise their opinions. He has also replied to another criticism of his policy which was alleged to be ignoring the certainty of a militarist revival in Japan. Actually the certainty is the other way about As General MacArthur explained to "Reuter's" representative, it would not be long before "not only her armed forces will have ceased to exist, but industry necessary to the war machine will have been entirely broken up." And Japan has no resources for industrial recovery. This is the essence of the whole situation. Denuded of all but four home islands it will be utterly impossible for Japan to rise again as a modern military power. They who talk of such a danger forget the economic fundamentals of modern war and Japan's new territorial position.

## CONGRESS AND THE COMMUNISTS

By Prof. P. A. Wadia

I have been following with some interest the recent history of the Indian National Congress, and its relations to the Communist party. I do not belong to any political party, nor have I been given any insight from within into the mental workings of any party. But as an onlooker, I confess, it is difficult for me to give a rational explanation to myself of the present fulminations of some of the Congress leaders against the communists and their anxiety to remove them from the Congress fold. Our friend Mr. K. M. Munshi in a tone of righteous indignation and unnecessary bantering, for example, says in a recent issue of his weekly paper "The part which the Communists played during the Quit India movement was a sorry one. They evolved a slogan that much as they would desire the release of political prisoners their duty was to prevent any interference with the war against Fascism. This was a wonderful slogan..... The British Government found in them the best of Allies. The war for British Imperialism suddenly became the People's War in their mouth."

Now one is prepared to admit that in August 1942, the Communist party led away by their intense regard for Soviet Russia were, from the Congress point of view, disloyal to the organisation to which they belonged. But they have had a record of unstinted service to the common Motherland; throughout their history they have stood for the freedom of India, and found themselves behind prison bars at times when their fellow workers of the Congress were looked upon as respectable, constitutional, law-abiding citizens. With the dissolution of the Third International the objection that they were under orders from a body outside their own country has likewise disappeared. It is not very wise for those inside or outside the Congress to throw flings at the Communists for having been reconciled to an organisation that is not far removed from Fascism. Democracy, like justice, is a slogan that has been frequently employed for purposes that involve the very defeat of a genuine democracy that can alone claim our reverence; and the perpetuation of injustice is often secured by a skin deep profession of justice ever since the days of Thrasymachus and Glaucon of Plato's Republic.

What is, then, the special reason, what are the considerations behind the present crusade against the Communists. The Poona Resolution passed by the A.I.C.C. in the early stages of the war expressed the willingness of the Congress to co-operate in the war if the specific demands of the Congress were granted. Some of the moving spirits of the Congress carried on negotiations with those who were fighting an Imperialistic war when most of the members of the Working Committee were still in prison. No prominent leader of the Congress has come forward to condemn such individuals. If the Communists co-operated, they did it for no personal gain. They have not sought office or soft jobs. If they co-operated they did so in the better / that a war in which the U. S. S. R. was fighting could not be an imperialistic war. They may have been wrong: I hold no brief for them. They might have done better in keeping aloof. But now that the leaders of the Congress have expressed their willingness to co-operate—above all now that the war has ended—it is difficult to understand why they should be branded as traitors.

The principles of love and / non-violence are hardly reconcilable with the present attitude of some of the Congress leaders towards their "misguided" brothers. Is it possible that the flirtations,—we hesitate to call it a marriage, and let us hope the initial attractions may never develop into a marriage—between Congress and big business and industry are responsible for the growing estrangement? For big business and communism can never work together. Do we see the shadows of coming events? Those who were vociferous in their condemnation of Fascism on the way to the inauguration of a neo-Fascist era, condemning the Communists, as the Imperialists of an earlier era condemned them as revolutionaries?

## "PAKISTAN PERPETUATES BRITISH RULE IN INDIA"

### Jayakar Traces History Of League Demand & Warns Congress Against Policy Of Appeasement

POONA, Sept. 12, (A.P.I.)

Pakistan means the continuation of British force and British rule in India. This view was expressed by Dr. M. R. Jayakar addressing a largely attended meeting on the Sir Parshurambhau College grounds held under the auspices of the History and Economic Association of the College.

Tracing the history of the demand of Pakistan since 1930, Dr. Jayakar observed that the idea of Muslims being a nation was started by a Punjabi under-graduate in 1933. It was only during his talks with Mahatma Gandhi and in his interview with the "News Chronicle" that Mr. Jinnah elaborated the idea and called it "Pakistan."

"The gist of his demands" Dr. Jayakar continued, "is two nations, separate and irreconcilable in all matters from religion to ambitions and aptitude. He claimed that Muslims were a 100 million nation and wanted a partition into sovereign states. The scheme applied only to British India. No mention was made of the Indian States. It is to be noted that the non-Muslim minority in Pakistan will have no voice in determining the partition, not even a plebiscite.

"The grounds on which this phantastic demand is made are mainly three. The first is the two-nation theory with separate and distinctive culture. It is to be noted that this is not the case of a growth of gradual consciousness. It was developed in the course of two or three years. During the thousand years, the Hindus and Muslims lived together not even in the Moghul times, when the Muslims, were a ruling race, did this theory occurred to anyone.

Besides, 87 per cent present Muslims are converts from Hindus. Therefore there is no difference in race. As regards culture, language and habits, the verdict of history is against this idea and even now life in the villages proves that it is a phantastic theory. Even among Muslims there are Jats and Rajputs proud of being so.

The next ground is that the Punjab is the homeland. The Punjab is not the original homeland of the Muslims from immemorable times. The Hindus since the days of the Vedas and the sacred rivers populated this area, and consequent possession cannot be a ground because Sikhs will have an equal claim and certainly with the British.

"As regards the land being a holy land, the claim cannot be sustained because many Sikh sacred shrines are in this province and all the Sikh States and out of the total number of over five million Sikhs in the whole of India, about four million reside in this province.

As regards the test of majority of population, census figures, even if relied upon, show that from the period 1881 to 1911, Muslims were a minority, rising gradually from 47 to 49 per cent and non-Muslims were a majority during this period. It was in 1941 that the Muslims advanced to 53 per cent. Therefore on this ground Punjab cannot be claimed to be the homeland of the Muslims.

### SELF-DETERMINATION

"The third ground urged is Self-Determination. The author of this principle is President Wilson and according to his definition, it will mean self-determination of all the parties concerned in this partition and not only of one community. It's natural interpretation will be that every individual and community concerned must have a voice and 42 millions cannot be ignored. A more appropriate word would be 'national determinism' based on the Muslim claim that "we as the nation have the sole right of determining the fate of India, not even a plebiscite is necessary".

"Even President Wilson limited the application of this principle by four conditions: (1) that people are not to be bartered away from sovereignty to sovereignty without a voice as if they were chattles or pawns, (2) the benefit of the entire population of the country is to be considered, (3) new discords must not arise and old discords must not be perpetuated and (4) the principle cannot be applied if unity, safety and economic well-being of the country are threatened thereby.

If applied to present fact, it is obvious that 42 millions non-Muslims will be forced into Pakistan without a voice from one sovereignty to another. Again 300 million non-Muslims in India will have no voice, although their unity, safety and economic interest will be concerned. Lastly 75 per cent Hindu majority will be split up and weakened, so that they become a minority in another sovereign province.

The doctrine of self-determination advocated at the end of the last war, has had tragic effects in its application to European countries. Stability of Europe has not been secured by that and the present war can be said to be an indirect outcome of the conflict created by the application of this principle.

Everybody gives it an interpretation that serves his political interest and aims. The instance of Russia is quoted by the advocates of self-determination. But the latest authors dealing with that country have expressed the opinion that if self-determination means the right of session, it is devoid of meaning. Instead of self-determination, all measures of national culture and autonomy have to be subordinated to the economic policy and military security of the Union. The latest pronouncement of authors dealing with this question is that self-determination is not an absolute right and can be applied only with due regard to circumstances of national safety, unity and economic well-being. The idea of a uni-National State has been a great deal descredited as the basis of political organisation.

### PERPETUATING BR. RULE

**"Such an impossible Pakistan can only be secured not with the consent of the people concerned, but by force and it will have to be maintained by force. This force will have to be exercised by the British power, which means a perpetuation of British rule in this country, whatever the advocates of this theory may talk of Indian independence and freedom.**

"There is a school of thought which expresses the opinion that if Muslims want Pakistan let us get rid of them by giving it. Are they sure that this severance would appease Muslim League finally? The history of the appeasement of the Muslims in the past does not create the hope of a permanent and happy settlement.

"Gandhiji admitted a division of India as between two brothers but the Muslim League leader rejected it with scorn. Are we sure that he will not demand a corridor between the north-east and north-west Pakistan to be always kept inviolate and inviolable necessarily by a British guarantee which will have to keep an army of occupation to keep the corridor of free access to Muslims.

### SAPRU REPORT

"The Sapru Committee had a Sub-Committee consisting of Sir H. P Mody, Dr. John Matthai and Mr. N. R. Sarkar. The first two made a report which makes it clear that Pakistan cannot afford the expense of post-war reconstruction or post-war defence and such post-war expenses will have to be met by Hindustan. If Hindustan does not give this help, Pakistan may claim it from the British or a foreign power.

### REPETITION OF OLD HISTORY OF EAST INDIA CO.

"If the British give it, they will demand guarantees and the old history of the East India Company will be repeated. If a foreign Power gives it, it will be for a substantial hold on the affairs of the country. The scheme promises adequate, effective and mandatory safeguards. It is no use being deluded by this talk. If such safeguards can be successfully devised for 45 million non-Muslims in Pakistan, why can't they be devised for 90 million Muslims in India?

"The word mandatory is used, but who is to enforce the mandate in case of difference? If safeguards are broken, a treaty will not save them, because who is to enforce the treaty? If the British come in under guarantee, as the Muslim League leader sometimes suggests in his speeches, they will demand a guarantee and the history of the past is sure to be repeated. This is the worst feature of the scheme of Pakistan. Rightly examined, it will mean the perpetuation of British domination, whatever professions the sponsors of this scheme may be making to-day..

### "BARGAINING COUNTER"

"There is reason to suspect that the scheme being so obviously impracticable, its sponsors must be intending to use it as a bargaining counter. They will demand as its price 50 per cent seats in the Legislature, Central and Provincial Executive, Central and Provincial services including judicial, army and all public bodies and international organisation. These demands will grow as a price for Pakistan if weakness is presented by the non-Muslims and the ultimate claim will be that national language shall be Urdu. It is not suggested that these concessions will be demanded immediately or in one lump but gradually one after another. The moment one is digested, the other will come out and unless the non-Muslims are strong, surrender cannot be ruled out as impossible.

"It is therefore clear that some means have to be found for placating reasonable Muslim apprehensions. In this connection, the Sapru Committee's recommendations may be examined. They first of all aim at the removal of separate electorates and the substitution of joint electorates, because they believe that separate electorates have been the source of all the trouble which has arisen. They begin by given important minorities a statutory place in the Legislature.

Concluding Dr. Jayakar said that all this is done to ally the just fears and apprehensions of the Muslims. Whether these recommendations will have that effect only time can prove.

## Attlee On India Issue

### British Prime Minister's Address To Trade Union Congress

BLACKPOOL, Sept. 12 (Reuter):—Mr. Clement Attlee, Prime Minister, declared to-day that the Labour Government was giving the greatest attention to "the great problems such as that of self-government for the Indian peoples", which remained to be settled.

Mr. Attlee, who was addressing the Trade Union Congress—the first British Prime Minister to do so—had been saying that some affairs were straightened out at Potsdam, others were being dealt with at the Conference of Foreign Ministers in London and yet others must await the Peace Conference and development of the United Nations Organisation.

"We shall all need much patience in dealing with these problems and they can only be solved by goodwill", Mr. Attlee declared.

The solution of these difficulties could not be effected by short cuts or hasty actions.

### WHAT IS DEMOCRACY

Mr. Attlee also had a few words to say about democracy which he stated was used in some countries in a very peculiar way. Democracy, he said, was majority rule with due respect to the rights of minorities—toleration for opposition opinion.

"Wherever, you find suppression of minority opinion there is no real democracy", he declared.

Other points made by Mr. Attlee were that Trade Unionism was "a powerful bulwark against any movement towards totalitarianism."

He could hold out no hope of great improvements on the home front. The world food shortage could not be made up in the immediate future. There was bound to be distress on the Continent this winter and the position in Britain was not going to be easy.

Mr. Attlee was given tumultuous welcome by over 700 delegates and introduced as Comrade Attlee." His speech was greeted with ringing cheers.

Mr. Attlee in the course of his speech, said:—

"I know well how great was the support we got from Trade Unionists at the general election."

### "VICTORY PARADE"

"One might almost say, therefore, that this Trades' Union Congress of 1945 takes its place among the victory parades of the forces of the United Nations.

"But while we celebrate victory in one war, the war against Nazism, Fascism and Japanese Imperialism, we are also entering on another war or rather a campaign in a war which we have been waging for many years —a war to banish poverty, want and insecurity and make this country really worthy of its great sons and daughters.

### FOOD SHORTAGE

"We have to face the fact that there is a world shortage in food and that this cannot possibly be made up in the immediate future.

"There is bound to be intense distress on the Continent of Europe this winter. The position here at home is not going to be easy. We have throughout the country maintained, but only just maintained, adequate standard of nutrition for all our people.

"Some of these affairs were straightened out at Potsnam, others are being dealt with at the conference of Foreign Ministers; yet others must await the Peace Conference and development of the United Nations organisation.

**"But it is not only in Europe that there are grave problems. In the Middle East there is a great area of possible disturbance. The Far East has to be reconstituted after the Japanese aggression.**

### PROBLEM OF INDIA

**"Great problems such as that of self-government for the Indian peoples remain to be settled. To all these matters the Labour Government is giving the greatest attention.**

"A solution of these difficulties cannot be effected by short cuts or nasty actions. We are dealing with the future of millions of men and women and essential problems can only be solved by understanding among the people.

**"Real peace in the world cannot be established by force of Great Powers, however overwhelming.**

**"There must be a change of heart if peace is to be something than an uneasy interval between wars.**

### SEQUEL TO END OF LEND-LEASE

"Now that the war is at an end, Lend-Lease and mutual aid end also, and we have to face a new situation.

"We now have to get back to more normal state of affairs wherein we have to buy from abroad in exchange for our own goods and services, our food and raw materials. The problem is being dealt with at the present time. Our Ambassador has returned to Washington and has been joined by Lord Keynes in order to have discussions with the United States authorities in Washington.

### ARRANGEMENTS WITH CANADA

"On his way to Washington Lord Keynes was in Ottawa and I am happy to say that there will be no interruption of civilian supplies from Canada.

"We are grateful to the Canadian Government with whom interim arrangements have been made by which our financial needs can be met to the end of the year. More long-term arrangements will have to be worked out later.

"We have to-day in the House of Commons for the first time a Labour Government backed by a great majority. We shall carry out the policy which we have placed before the country with resolution and vigour.

### BULWARK AGAINST TOTALITARIANISM

"I would like to stress one or two points. First of all, liberty. The Trade Union Movement found workers enslaved by the economic system. They brought them freedom by standing together with their fellows. I am glad that in this country Trade Unionism has always remained an independent force. It has known how to co-operate with Government. It has accepted a share of responsibility for the industry but it has never become part of the machinery of State. The existence of great independent movements such as Trade Unionism representing men and women in respect of a particular function is a powerful bulwark against any movement towards Totalitarianism.

### HUMAN RIGHTS

"There are moral values. Unless we have a conception of justice not as the will of a section but as something absolute, we shall not build our society on firm foundations.

Unless we have a conception of human rights belonging to all human beings not of our own race only, but of all people, we shall fail.

"A new world order cannot be made by Governments; it must be made by the peoples. My appeal to you today is to keep ever before you this fact that it is the peoples and peoples alone who can save civilisation from destruction. I appeal to you my comrades of the Trade Union Movement to rise in peace as in war to the height of the occasion.

"There is only one principle that can save the world, the principle that you practise in your great movements, the Christian principle that all men be brothers, one of another."

### FREEDOM OF CRITICISM

Mr. Ebby Edwards, Chairman of the T.U.C. Congress, expressing the Congress' appreciation of Mr. Attlee's speech, said: As far as our industrial movement is concerned we generally work on this principle: if we have got anything say to the Labour Government, we will tell the Labour Government. But we are giving no promise in advance that we will not criticise the Labour Government (cheers). What we will not allow is outsiders who are not part of our movement to stab either individual members of the Government or the Government as a whole (cheers).... .... .... ....

**"I want to say to the Prime Minister on behalf of this movement that we wish you well in your work but if you lack anything, do not lack courage to carry it out (cheers).**

LONDON, Sept. 12 (Reuter): The New York radio to-day quoted the United States Under-Secretary of Navy, Mr. Artemus Gates as saying that the United States Navy was working to adapt the atom bomb to carrier planes.

He was speaking at the commissioning ceremony of the 45,000-ton "Midway" the United States Navy's latest super-carrier.

## TETE-A-TETE

### WITHOUT COMMENT

**The London schoolmasters have told the London County Council Education Committee that in the plans for staffing new primary and secondary schools, they will urge that every boy above infant age should be taught by men and that no man shall serve under a headmistress.—"Reuter."**

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The Chairman of the British T.U.C. Conference, Mr. Ebby Edwards, has called upon British Labour to "enter the struggle for international security and use its full strength in an effort to ensure peace."

Thus saving the world as well as "our territories."

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The world, declared Mr. Edwards, is not yet completely free of reactionary states and the government of the people for the people is not universal.

Don't we know it? But does he, too?

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Yet, added Mr. Edwards, world power States, which were for generations citadels of militarism, instruments of political reaction and hotbeds of ambitions economic nationalism, have been swept away.

So that now at last hoary and venerable imperialisms can prosper and thrive in peace to the greatest good of Britain, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal and—amen—Italy, too.

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At the surrender ceremony at Singapore, General Itagaki ceremoniously handed over his sword to Allied commanders on the steps of the municipal buildings.

MacArthur, however, didn't bother about all that.

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An American Congressman has made a suggestion that the Atom Bomb should be turned over to the World Security Council to strengthen its hands in maintaining peace.

But subject, we must insist, to the "veto."

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There would, predicts the U. S. Congressman, be a mad race among nations to develop and improve the bomb unless the secret was given to the world organisation.

And in case it was given, the mad race would change into a sane competition.

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"The announced Russian policy of no Allied interference with the Communist-dominated Balkan Governments appears to be heading for a certain rejection by the United States and Britain."—A.P.A.

When was it "announced"?

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According to a London report, Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express" urges a "worldwide Hitler hunt" to "clear up the mystery of the vapourised Fuehrer."

Not a bad newspaper stunt. The world will keenly follow the campaign in the columns of the "Daily Express".

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS

It takes as little to make some men laugh as it does to worry others.

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It is a deplorable fact that idle curiosity keeps a lot of people busy.

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Life is made up not of one great sacrifice, but of many little kindnesses

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A woman might as well set a hen on China eggs as to brood over the past.

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What some men say should not be charged against them, but credited to some one else.

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The patient usually has more confidence in the physician than the physician has in himself.

# Japs Sign Surrender In Singapore

## U. S. Troops In India-Burma Theatre Prepare To Leave For America

SINGAPORE, Sept. 12 (A.P.A.)—Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten received the surrender of all Japanese forces in South-East Asia and the Indies at 11-15 hours (Singapore Time) today.

General Itagaki, who commanded the Japanese in Burma, signed for Japan in the absence of Field Marshal Count Terauchi, who was ill.

Lord Mountbatten was flanked by Lt.-Gen. R. A. Wheeler of the United States Army, Gen. Sir William Slim, Commander of Land Forces in South-East Asia, and representatives of France, Australia, Netherlands and China.

Lord Mountbatten signed 11 copies of the surrender instrument, using a fresh pen each time.

The surrender was signed in the Council Chamber of the Singapore Municipal building.

As Itagaki signed each copy of the surrender document, members of his staff watched impassively or stared ahead with blank faces.

The ceremony was begun by Lord Mountbatten by reading a telegram from Terauchi authorising Itagaki to sign for him and regretting that his ill-health kept him away.

Lord Mountbatten then read the terms and the signing followed.

When the ceremony ended Lord Mountbatten returned to the broad front steps to read an 'order of the day' which was followed by the raising of the Union Jack and the playing of the British, American, French, Dutch and Chinese National Anthems.

**INDIAN BRIGADIER PRESENT**

Among the Allied representatives seated alongside Lord Mountbatten in the Council Room was Brigadier Thimayya of the Indian Army, who was the first Indian Officer given command of a fighting brigade and who recently was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Lord Mountbatten attended a quiet luncheon at Government House after the ceremonies and was understood to be preparing to leave in a few days for a tour of principal points in the enlarged South-East Asia theatre.

**S.E.A.C. HQ.**

SINGAPORE, Sept. 12 (Reuter).—Admiral Mountbatten stated today that advanced S.E.A.C. Headquarters would be set up at Singapore but for the time being the main Headquarters would remain at Kandy.

**U.S. TROOPS LEAVING INDIA-BURMA THEATRE**

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12 (A.P.A.)—Large-scale movement of American troops in the India-Burma theatre for transfort home has been begun, U.S. Army Headquarters announced today.

The first contingent of homeward bound troops from Ledo, western terminus of the Stilwell Road to China, will complete the 3,500-mile rail journey to the debarkation port of Karachi on September 21, the Army said.

**CRITICISES U.S. COMMANDER IN KOREA**

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (U.P.A.)—The New York Times said today that the first announcement of Lt.-Gen. John Hodge, United States Army Commander in Korea, that Japanese troops are necessary to assist the Allies in maintaining order in the country was tactless and misleading.

**TRUMAN ON KOREA**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (Reuter).—President Truman told his Press Conference today that the Japanese would be removed from Korea as soon as possible.

He said that the decision to maintain Japanese officials there temporarily had been made in that theatre and described the whole question as a practical matter.

The President promised that United States policy as regards future of Korea would be further clarified shortly in a statement.

Question on criticism from Australia on the alleged lack of harshness on the part of American occupying authorities in Japan, the President said that if Australia would be just a little patient, they would eventually be quite satisfied over the matter.

**AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS IN SHANGHAI**

SHANGHAI, Sept. 12 (U.P.A.)—United States Consul-General William Langdon who arrived here from Kunming told the first meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai that commercial co-operation between China and the United States is assured by a new trade agreement which is awaiting ratification.

**EXTENSION OF U.S. MILITARY RULE**

TOKYO, September 11 (A.P.A.)—United States Military rule over Japan will spread next month to naval bases on the inland sea and to the great city of Osaka.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters disclosed that the United States Sixth Army would occupy Japan's greatest naval base at Kure on the inland sea on October 3.

The Sixth Army will enter a second inland sea city Okayama on October 22, and the following day into what is left of Osaka, once Japan's second largest city.

**TOJO IMPROVES**

TOKYO, Sept. 12 (A.P.A.)—Fresh blood transfusions and administrations of Penicillin gave Hideki Tojo new strength today and it appeared likely that he would recover from his suicide attempt of yesterday.

The bald little war-time Premier who faces trial as Japan's leading war criminal was able to murmur his thanks today for the care given him at the American Evacuation Hospital at Yokohama.

Gen. MacArthur's personal physician Col. Roger Egeberg rushed to Tojo's bedside to help save his life.

One Doctor attending Tojo said that his left lung was punctured and pus might be forming there. To combat this he was given 20,000 units of Penicillin at three-hour intervals.

The Tokyo newspaper "Mainichi" commented "The general masses clamoured for his death."

**PHILIPPINE PUPPET ARRESTED**

YOKOHAMA, September 12 (A.P.A.)—General Headquarters announced today that Jorges Vargas, Puppet Philippine Ambassador to Japan, his town sons and an American accused of making propaganda broadcasts for the Japanese have been taken into custody for questioning.

## Windsors For Plymouth?

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (APA): The Duke and Duchess of Windsor will sail from New York on Friday abroad the steamship 'Argentina', it was learned to-day.

The United States Line, operators of the 'Argentina', said the ship would go to Le Havre and Plymouth.

## Shroff's Revelations About Britain

Addressing the Progressive Group at Greens on Wednesday evening Mr. A. D. Shroff gave the impressions of his recent industrial tour to Britain and America.

What immensely impressed Mr. Shroff was the disparity between Englishmen and Americans in their general standard of life. Whereas the average American was rolling in luxury his English cousin was almost starved to death. Englishman's standard of living was extremely low. Food situation there had deteriorated. Even in industrial cities like Manchester and Sheffield it was impossible to obtain one decent meal per day. Cloth situation was worse still. Only one out of five could buy a pair of trousers per year.

The greatest problem in England was that of housing accommodation. Over three million houses were destroyed by bombing and lack of building materials prevented the new ones from being constructed. Mr. Shroff wondered how under such privations Mr. Churchill managed to maintain the morale of the people.

### Attitude Towards India

Regarding the attitude of the British Labour Government towards India had gathered the impression that Labour was actuated by a genuine desire to see that India was granted Self-Government at the earliest possible moment. He, however, warned his countrymen that the Labour Government could not be relied on for the solution of their communal problem.

Speaking about America, Mr. Shroff said that her developed technique of mass production which was responsible for her immense prosperity had produced an indelible impression on his mind. One could not say what would have been the ultimate result of the war without her industrial apparatus.

Mr. Shroff further revealed that the isolationist tendency still persisted in America and the likelihood of her confining herself to her own territorial limits in future could not be completely ruled out.

Mr. T. Desai presided.

## First 'Fruits' Of World Charter

PRETORIA, Sept. 12 (Reuter): General Jan Smuts, the Union Prime Minister, announced to-day that South-West Africa would continue to be administered as an integral part of the Union of South Africa as the United Nations Charter introduced no material change in the relationship between them.

General Smuts added that the Union Government declined to expend public money on schools in which the German language was either the sole or the principal medium of instruction.

**PARTY TO ATIYA BEGUM**

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A reception was given to Atiya Begum, this evening at the Taj Mahal Hostel, by Messrs. J. N. Bhan, H. Goculdas, W. M. Sonawala and M. Faruk, on the eve of her departure to Ceylon, where she has been invited to preside over the first Indo-Ceylon Women's Congress.

The organisers of the reception felicitated Atiya Begum and wished her bon voyage.

Replying to the felicitations, Atiya Begum said that she hoped that the Congress would restore the harmonious relations between India and Ceylon, for Ceylon was a part of India, and its separation was an artificial creation.

The function was enlivened by a ballet by Miss Rohini Wagle and her pupils.

Mr. Fyzie Rahamin proposed the vote of thanks to the organiser, who also presented Atiya Begum with momentos.

## JAPS MARCHED BRITISH WOMEN NINE MILES TO JAIL

CALCUTTA Sept. 12. (A.P.I.) Lady Shenton Thomas, wife of Sir Shenton Thomas, who was Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements when the Japanese overran Malaya in 1942, recalled today how miles to jail by the Japanese immeBritish women were marched nine diately after the fall of the city. They had to this in blistering sun carrying all the things that they wanted in jail. But they did it singing "There will always be an England" at the top of their voices.

## Congress Cabinet Awaits Viceroy's Statement

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sident, on the question of self-determination will be examined by the Working Committee.

**BHULABHAI & COMMUNISTS**

It is understood Mr. Bhulabhai Desai to whom the question of the Communists had been referred for opinion, has now given his views. The Congress Executive will formulate a general policy which should be followed by the Provincial Congress Committees, some of which have already taken action against Communist members on the Executive bodies.

The economic conditions in the country, the threat of famine in Bengal, the Satara situation, the question of release of the remaining prisoners, the re-organisation and rebuilding of the Congress organisation are some of the other questions that will engage the attention of the Committee. The two previous meetings at Bombay and Simla were fully taken up by specific issues and this third meeting which has a very heavy agenda is expected to be a prolonged one.

**POONA RECEPTION TO LEADERS**

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, and other leaders were accorded a rousing reception on the platform as they arrived. Acharya Kripalani, Mr. Shankarrao Deo, Mr B. G. Kher, Mr. L. M. Patil, Mr. N V. Gadgil, Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani and other local Congress leaders were present on the platform to welcome the party. Thousands of Congressmen had gathered in the station premises and cheered lustily as the train steamed into the platform. A part of the platform had been set apart for the reception. The leaders were profusely garlanded on behalf of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, Poona City Municipality and other organisations in the city.

The leaders after their arrival drove to the bungalows of Mr. M L. Dhanukar, Mrs. E. Billimoria and Mr Javantilal Kapadia where arrangements have been made for their stay.

**JAWAHAR & RAJAJI CALL ON MAHATMA**

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr C. Rajagopalachari called on Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Nature Cure Clinic soon after their arrival here this morning.

**GUJARAT GETS 25 SEATS IN A.I.C.C. PANDAL**

SURAT, Sept. 12 (A.P.I.)—Mr. Kanyalal Desai, President, Surat Congress Committee, told the Associated Press of India today that there has been a great demand for A.I.C.C. Pandal tickets from Surat and other cities of Gujarat. But, owing to restricted space, only 25 seats have been allotted to the five districts of Guiarat.

**WILL CONGRESS CONTEST ELECTIONS?**

POONA, Sept. 12 (A.P.I.): To-day's session of the Congress Working Committee was confined to the regular members of the Committee, the invitees, with the exception of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, did not attend writes the Associated Press of India special correspondent. But, it is learnt, they will participate in the proceedings to-morrow.

Mahatma Gandhi was present throughout the four-hour session.

All members of the Working Committee attended except Pt. Govind Vallabh Pant who did not arrive as expected.

It is learnt the correspondence that passed between the Congress President and the Viceroy after the breakdown of the Simla Conference was placed before the Working Committee. These letters related to the release of political prisoners and removal of ban on Congress Committees.

The position created by the dissolution of the Provincial Legistures and the prospect of Section 93 rule for months to come were also discussed. In this connection, the question whether the Congress should contest the elections at all will be considered. No decisions have so far emerged, and it is considered unlikely that the Congress will decide their future course of action before the Viceroy returns and is given an opportunity of placing his proposals before the country.

**CROWDS AT GANDHIJI'S EVENING PRAYERS**

The big maidan in front of the Nature Cure Clinic was crowded today, at the time of Mahatma Gandhi's evening prayers, with thousands of men and women who had come with the hope of seeing prominent Congress leaders who had assembled at the Clinic for the Working Committee meeting.

After the prayers, the crowds repeatedly called for Maulana Azad, Pandit Nehru and others to come out and the air was rent with shouts of "Pandit Nehru-ki-Jai", "Maulana Azad-ki-Jai" and forced the Congress President, Pandit Nehru, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan to come on the platform and give "Darshan" for a few minutes.

**INDIA'S GOAL & AZAD'S OPTIMISM**

POONA, Sept. 12 (U.P.I.): "I have never said that the goal of independence is far off. At least for me the goal has always been near."

These remarks made by Maulana Azad appear to indicate his optimistic feeling about the immediate future of India.

The occasion arose when "United Press of India" political correspondent drew the Maulana's pointed attention to the remarks made by him during the Simla Conference that "the goal of Indian independence is not very far off. Only one step more and we reach our destination" and enquirted of him how long he now thought it would be to achieve its long-cherished goal.

**WARDHA RECEPTION TO FORWARD BLOC TREASUREE**

WARDHAGANJ, Sept. 12 (A.P.I.): Mr. Satyanarayan Bajaj, Treasurer, All-India Forward Bloc, was given a reception this morning at the Wardha Station after his release after 36 months of detention. He was taken in procession through main throughfares where arches in memory of patriots like Tilak, Subhas and others were erected. He was profusely garlanded on behalf of many institutions.

**FOUR CRORES MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE CONGRESS TARGET**

ELLORE, Sept. 12 (A. P. I.): The hope that at the coming elections Congress will secure 75 per cent of the seats in Legislatures even without contest was expressed by Mr. Kala Venkatrao, General Secretary of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, at a meeting held yesterday in the Young Men's Hindu Association grounds.

In the course of his speech Mr. Venkatrao exhorted the audience to enrol every adult as a primary member of the Congress. The organisation had 40 lakhs of members in 1930, a membership which no other political organisation in the world ever had. This time the target set before the country was four crores and they should reach it by the time the next Congress session was held.

## On The Election Front

### MORE ELECTION CENTRES

The "G" Ward Congress Committee has opened a central Election office in Noor Building, Tulsi Pipe Road near Dadar B. B. Station. It will remain open from 8 to 11 a.m. and 5-30 to 9 p.m.

The following 20 centres have been opened in the ward to enable the public to get their names enrolled: Dharavi, Shanker's temple and Labour camp; Mahim, More Road, Mahim C. C. Office; Dadar, Shivaji Park Charkha Sangh; Matunga, Shanvi Free Reading Room, Lady Hardinge Road; Dadar, Bombay North Student Union, Patil Wadi, Dr. T. R. Naravane's Despensary, L. J. Road, Dadar T.C.C. and Dr. N. P. Shah's Dispensary, Portuguese Church Street; Prabhadevi, Prabhadevi T.C.C.; Saitan Chouki, Free Reading Room (Irani Chawl); Elphinstone Road, Fitwala Building, Fitwala Road; Lower Parel, Lower Parel C.C., DeLisle Road (North); DeLisle Road, Congress Office, DeLisle Road and Ferguson Road; Ferguson Road, Pralhad Restaurant; DeLisle Road, Love Grove Taluka C. Committee; Jacob Circle, Meghji Velji and Co., Hains Road; Worli, Worli Century Mill Chawl; Worli, Worli B. D. D. Chawl No. 53. Opp. Jambori Maidan and Worli T. U. C., Worli Koliwada.

'C' WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Centre opened in Milk Bazar hall at Gulalvadi. Gogte Mansion, Bombay 2. Residents of the following area are requested to come and see whether their names are on the roll. Juma Masjid, Cotton Exchange Building, Bhuleshver, Gulalvadi, Pydhoni, C. P. Tank, all sublanes in the area.

## Elections To Central Legislature

In addition to the general elections to the Bombay Legislative Assembly and Bombay Legislative Council which are to be completed by the end of March next, general elections in the Bombay constituencies of the Central Legislative Assembly will also be held very shortly. They are to be completed by the middle of December.

The Government of Bombay is undertaking immediately the preparation of lists of amendments to the existing electoral rolls of the Bombay Legislative Assembly and Bombay Legislative Council, and the preparation of fresh rolls of the Council of State will be undertaken shortly. The co-operation of all sections of the public in the preparation of these lists and rolls is invited.

## JOHN AMERY'S TRIAL POSTPONED

LONDON, Sept. 12 (A.P.A.): The trial of John Amery, 35-year-old son of the Former British Secretary of State for India, on charges of treason was postponed to-day after his counsel had raised the possibility that Amery is a Spanish subject and therefore does not owe allegiance to the King.

"Inquiries are proceeding in Spain because the defence has been instructed that John Amery became a naturalised Spanish citizen during the Spanish Civil War," declared G. O. Slade, his attorney.

Amery, who was on the Continent when the war broke out, is charged with treason for alleged attempt to induce British prisoners' of war to fight on German side against the Russians.

### Suburban District Mobilising For Enrolment

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, Monday.

The Government Press Communique of the 7th September giving a week's time for rectifying the Electoral roll has set the machinery of the Suburban District organisation into full motion. On my inquiry from the energetic Secretary Mr. D. N. Wandrekar, I learn that B.S.D.C. has opened more than fifteen centres and mobilised about seven hundred volunteers to do this job. These volunteers are moving in the principle suburbs, as also in the adjoining villages. Mr. Wandrekar, expected the extension of the time limit and his anticipation has come true. As is learnt from the Government Communique removing the misunderstanding from the public mind regarding this time limit. With the assured co-operation of the public, this extension will be best utilised and the electoral rolls will be brought as near the correction as possible.

**SEHORE PEOPLE TO BOYCOTT ELECTIONS**

(From Our Correspondent).

SEHORE, Sept. 11.—As the Bhopal Government has failed to accept the demand of the Sehore public for Municipal reforms, the people and all the political, communal and other bodies of Sehore have jointly decided to boycott the forthcoming Municipal elections.

They have further decided that if any one opposes this decision, Harijans should be selected to contest elections on all the seats and all parties and institutions with one voice should support these Harijans. Nominations for Harijans are being filled if any reactionary or Government hireling dares to contest this election.

## MORE U. S. EXPORTS IN FUTURE

### Controls On Motor Repair Parts And Fabrics Relaxed

WASHINGTON, September 12 (Reuter).—More than 75 per cent of United States commodity export controls have been relaxed, the Foreign Economic Administration announced last night.

With effect immediately control has been lifted from automotive repair parts, except batteries; Radio and electronic equipment; drawler tractors; machine tools; Rayon fabrics; Wool Fabrics and apparel, except worsteds; all paper except newsprint and transportation equipment including buses, locomotives, freight cars and repair parts.

Chief commodities, still under export control, are most foodstuffs, hides, leather, cotton piecegoods, rubber, lumber, chemicals petrol and parafin wax, besides newsprint.

All wartime import shipping quotas have been eliminated because of the improved shipping situation, a joint announcement from the War Production Board Department of Agriculture and the War Shipping Administration disclosed yesterday.

A simplified system of priority preference ratings, however, will be maintained to ensure that commodities and materials vital to reconversion and food programmes or still needed by the Armed Forces will be given preferential treatment.

## Policemen Killed In Rush For Cloth

**KARACHI, Sept. 12 (A.P.I.)—The news has been received here that one Policeman died and three others were injured as a result of onrush of crowds to get cloth in the village of Redho in Shikarpur Taluka.**

**The police is said to have used force to control the crowds whereupon the latter are alleged to have retaliated.**

## Bharathi Day Celebrations

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Bharathi Day celebration in memory of the great Patriot Poet of Tamil Nad Sri. Subramanya Bharathi—which is being conducted this year in Bombay under the joint auspices of the Bombay Tamil Sangham and the South Indian Association was inaugurated last night before a large and representative gathering by Mrs. R. V. Sastri.

Mrs. Sastri in her stirring speech appealed to the public to spread the message of the late Poet and live up to his ideals. In conclusion, Mrs. Sastri rendered some of Bharathi's patriotic songs which touched the heart of those assembled.

Dr. Krishnan and Messrs. S. Veriguswamy, K. N. Krishnamurthi, S. Krishnamurthi and S. Kandaswamy spoke on various aspects of Bharathi and his life and his contribution to contemporary literature.

With the singing of the Tamil National Anthem the meeting terminated.

The celebrations will continue on Friday, Saturday and will conclude on Sunday the 16th inst.

## FRANCO-SWISS EXCHANGE OF RIFLE FIRE

FRAUENFELD, SWITZERLAND, Sept 12 (A.P.A.) Incidents including an exchange of rifle fire between French occupation troops and Swiss fishermen have taken place on the Lake Constance, the Department of Fisheries reported today.

Discussions are in progress between the Department and the French military "to avoid conditions which might lead to serious incidents"

The Department of Fisheries claimed that the French had violated the international agreements of 1893 and 1897 by permitting Swiss Fishermen to operate only to the middle of the lake.

**CEYLON LEPERS WILL VOTE IN ELECTION**

KANDY, Sept. 12 (A.P.I.): Inmates of the leprosy hospital at Hendala in Ceylon want the ballot box.

Although they have to live, all six hundred of them, in segregation for the rest of their lives there is no reason why they should forfeit their political rights, according to a representation made to the special Sub-Committee appointed by the Health Minister to look into their grievances.

The Sub-Committee recommended that arrangemens should be made for them to vote during State Council elections. The Executive Committee of Health has accepted the recommendation.

Later it was found that franchise had already been given to them by the Governor in 1940. Only, they have had no opportunity to exercise it as there has been no general election to the State Council since 1936.

**DEATH PENALTY FOR REVEALING ATOM BOMB SECRETS**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (A.P.A.). Legislation providing death penalty for divulging Atomic Bomb secrets to foreign powers has been introduced into the House of Representatives by Hatton Sumners (Democrat from Texas), Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

**ASSAM ROLLS TO BE AMENDED**

SHILLONG, Sept. 12 (A. P. I.): Electoral rolls now in force in all constituencies of the Assam Legislative Assembly are to be forthwith amended, according to a Governor's notification published in Assam Gazette to-day.

October 29 has been specified as the date on or before which all applications for entry in electoral rolls will be considered by the appropriate revising authority.

LONDON, Sept. 12 (Reuter): London schoolmasters have told the London County Council Education Committee that in the plans for staffing new primary and secondary schools, they would urge that every boy above the infant age should be taught by men and that no man shall serve under a headmistress.

LUCKNOW, Sept. 11 (A.P.I.)—H.E. the Governor of the U.P. has directed the preparation of a list of amendments to the electoral roll of the U.P. Legislative Assembly which was prepared in 1942 in view of the presentations that the roll is in some respects incorrect and also out of date.

## 'Why Should U.S. Foot Bill Of Britain's Journey To Utopia?'

### Republican Says Attlee Govt. Wants Dollars To Finance "Socialisation" Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (Reuter): A few hours before the opening of the Anglo-American Economic Conference, Republican Harold Knutson in the House of Representatives, said that the British were asking the United States to finance their "socialisation" programme.

He asked: "Just what a kind of saps do they think we are."

He added it did not take an economist or a statistician to realise that Britain was in a serious financial position, and the same was true of the other members of the United Nations including the United States.

"If the British Treasury is in such a precarious condition, why did the majority of voters in the United Kingdom to the polls at the recent election and vote to have a Government to take over the coal mines, utilities, transportation and the banking system, not to mention of liberalisation of old age assistance? Where did they think the billions to finance such an ambitious programme would come from—from the United States, of course?

Why should we finance this journey to Utopia? We were not consulted, neither were we allowed to vote on the proposition."

## LADY MODY LAUNCHES "ZOROASTER"

An epoch-making event took place in the history of Indian ship-building industry at Wadala Yard Wednesday evening, when before a large cosmopolitan gathering including several naval officers and prominent business magnates of the city, Lady Jerbai H. Mody performed the ceremony of launching the Indian steamship "Zoroaster."

The new vessel is built by the well-known ship-builders Messrs. Trades (India) Ltd., for Messrs. A. B. Khursheji and Sons. It is a "composite vessel" capable of being used as an ocean-going general-duty vessel. The term "composite vessel" means that it is made of best steel and best Indian teak available. The over-all length of this ship is 76 ft. and length between perpendiculars is 72 ft., breadth moulded is 20 ft. and depth moulded is ten feet. It is fitted with a reciprocating steam engine 180 indicated h.p. and will have a hold capacity of 150 tons.

Mr. Pesi Hirji, the proprietor and Mr. M. K. Kothawala, the Manager of the Company welcomed the guests.

Sir Homi Mody who presided observed that the occasion was a memorable one in the history of ship building in India. Formerly the late Lovji Wadia of ship-building renown gave some splendid ships to India. He looked forward to the day when ships better than the present one and carrying an Indian flag would be built in India. Sir Homi regretted that under foreign rule in India shipbuilding had become a monopoly of non-Indians. With the growing political consciousness in the country the prospects of the industry seemed to him quite bright.

Concluding, Sir Homi complimented Mr. Pesi Hirji for his new enterprise.

Mr. Pesi Hirji thanked all present for the co-operation and encouragement he received from them in his new venture.

## Ban On Publication Of Balance Sheets To Go

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12.

The Commerce Department of the Government of India will shortly lift the ban and make available to the Public Statistical blue books of commercial interest, such as monthly return of sea-borne trade in India. A notification is also being issued for removing the ban on the publication of balance sheets of Indian companies. Certain requirements under the Companies Act, it will be recalled, were suspended under the Defence of India Act as a war measure. These restrictions are being removed. Collections of premium under the War Injuries Insurance has also been stopped.

The question of disposal of unspent balance under three war insurance schemes,—war risk insurance for goods, for factories, and for war injuries is being considered here. One proposal is to hand over the amount to the general revenue to make up for the deficit. An early decision is expected.

## AKALI PLAN FOR DEFENCE OF INDIAN ARMY MEN

AMRITSAR, Sept 12 (A.P.)

A sub-committee of 16 members has been appointed by the Working Committee of the Shromani Akali Dal to arrange for the defence of men and officers of the Indian National Army.

The Akali Dal has also opened a Defence Fund with a contribution of Rs. 1,000 from its own funds and has issued an appeal to the Sikhs to subscribe liberally to the fund for the Defence of Indian National Army men. It has also appealed to the Shromani Gurdwara Prbandhak Committee and the Gurdwara Committee of the Delhi Province to contribute to the fund.

**CHINA ABOLISHES WARTIME CENSORSHIP**

CHUNGKING, Sept. 12 (A.P.A.): On the instructions of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Information Minister K. C. Wu, announced to-day that the Government would abolish wartime censorship on October 1, except in areas where the military occupation is still not completed. Censorship will be abolished there too as soon as order is restored.

**IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA**

CALCUTTA, Sept. 12.

Following is the statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on August 31, 1945:—

Liabilities: Capital: 5,62,50,000 Reserve Fund 6 05,00,000 fixed deposit, Savings Bank, current and other accounts 242,44,02,000 Sundries 65,76,000 Total 254,77 28,000.

Assets: Investments: Government Securities 138,93,39,000 other authorised investments 4,74,40,000

Advances: Loans 16 42,65,000 cash credits and overdrafts 39,19,23,000 bills discounted and purchased 4,18,79,000 Dead Stock 1,64,16,000 Sundries 98,26,000

Cash: In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India 46 78,85,000 balances with other banks 1,87,55,000 Total 254,77,28,000.—A. P. I.

**CALICUT QUOTATIONS**

CALICUT, Sept. 12.—Cocoanuts Raw 90, Dry 90, Cocoanut Oil 337/8, Copra Office 225, Dilpasand 235, Madrasnottam 250, Goodgooda 245, Pepper Wynad 355, Country 342/8, Dryginger Chernad 250, Ernad 235, Coffee Robusta 90.

### Increase Of Rs. 12/- Crores In Notes In Circulation

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended Sept. 7, shows an increase of Rs. 7,26,41,000 in the total notes issued. Notes in circulation show an increase of over Rs. 12 crores while notes held in the Banking Department are down by Rs. 5 crores. Sterling securities have increased by Rs 8 crores. Details are as under:

LIABILITIES

| | Rs. |
|---|---|
| Notes held in the Banking Department | 9 51,47,000 |
| Notes in circulation | 11,51,76,94,000 |
| Total Notes issued | 11,61,28,41,000 |
| Total Liabilities | 11,61,28,41,000 |

ASSETS

| | Rs. |
|---|---|
| A. Gold Coin and Bullion:— | |
| (a) Held in India | 44 41,43,000 |
| (b) Held outside India | |
| Sterling Securities | 10,42,32,89,000 |
| Total of A | 10,86,74,32,000 |
| B. Rupee Coin | 16,69,82,000 |
| Government of India Rupee Securities | 87,84 27,000 |
| Internal Bills of Exchange and other Commercial Paper | .... |
| Total Assets | 11,61,28,41,000 |
| Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 93,561 per cent. | |

LIABILITIES

| | Rs. |
|---|---|
| Capital paid up | 5,00,00,000 |
| Reserve Fund | 5,00,00,000 |
| Deposits:— | |
| (a) Government | |
| (1) Central Government of India | 352,26 11,000 |
| (2) Government of Burma | 1,16,04,000 |
| (3) Other Government Accounts | 18,45,48,000 |
| (b) Banks | 114,12 01,000 |
| (c) Others | 12,80,60,000 |
| Bills Payable | 2,80,87,000 |
| Other Liabilities | 5,66,65,000 |
| Rupees | 517,04,76 000 |

ASSETS

| | Rs. |
|---|---|
| Notes | 9,51,47,000 |
| Rupee Coin | 24,78,000 |
| Subsidiary Coin | 5 49,000 |
| Bills Purchased and Discounted:— | |
| (a) Internal | .... |
| (b) External | .... |
| (c) Government Treasury Bills | 4,22 89,000 |
| Balances held abroad* | 471,94,24,000 |
| Loans and Advances to Governments | .... |
| Other Loans and Advances | .... |
| Investments | 25,31,58,000 |
| Other Assets | 6,04,51,000 |
| Rupees | 517,04,76,000 |

*Includes Cash and Short Term Securities.

**SALES OF TREASURY BILLS**

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Wednesday, the 12th September. Total amount offered was Rs. 2,83,25,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-14-9 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-14-6 allotted approximately 68 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. 2,00,00,000, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-5-11 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 18th September, in Bombay upto 11 a.m. and upto the close of business on Monday, the 17th September, 1945, at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 21st September, 1945. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 7th September, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 4,21,50,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

**MADRAS SHARE QUOTATIONS**

MADRAS, Sept. 12 (A.P.I.)

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan (10) 31/4, Deccan (25) 74/12, India Sugar 31/8, Mysore Sugar 58/8, Travancore 15/14.

PLANTINGS: Balmadies 1/9, Blue Mountains 1/8/6, Cochin Malabar 17/15, Chembra Peaks 101, 10/1 C.D., Cottanad 14/8, Devashola 15/-, Pringfords 15/8, High Produce 30, Kalpettas 33/12, Midland 13/- C.D., Nellithampathy 1/6/9 C.D., Nellithanam 14/8, Ouchterlony 10, Pullangodes 3/2, Rajagiri 12/2, Thirumbadi 4/6/6, Waterfalls 1/11/6.

TEXTILES: Aaron Spg. 12/8, Bangalore Wol. 505, B. and Co. Ordy 344, Cambodia 30/2, Coimbatore Spg. 162, Coimbatore Murugan 200, Dhanalaxmi 350, Janadhana 124, Kaleeswarar 675 Kothari Tex. 32, Lashmi 179, Ditto New 88/8, Mettur 260, Madura 74/6, Palani Anadvar 152/8, Rajalakshmi 180, Radhakrishna 352/8, Rangavillars 155, Rajapalayan 226.

MISCELLANEOUS: Cement 122/8, Bruntons 10/2, India Steel Roll 9/10, Mysore Chem. and Fert. 21/4, Mysore Paper 23/10, Mysore Chem. Mfrs. 30/-, Mettur Chem. 15/10, Mettur Chem. Dfds. 5/7.

**HAPUR QUOTATIONS**

HAPUR, Sept. 12.—Bullion undertone continues steady. Silver 124/3, Gold 72/4, Bardana 53 to 54, Asoj 53, Mangsir 52/4, Jfar Magh 5/11/6, Wheat 10/4, Peas 8/6, Chatti New 7/4, Old 6/10, Ahrar 7, Old 6/4, Bijhar 9, Stocks unchanged Gur 10/4, Shakkar 11/8 steady due to exports, Urd 12/8, Mong 11.

**CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE**

CALCUTTA, Sept. 12.

The Calcutta Stock Exchange generally ruled steady and unchanged today. Government securities remained unchanged.

# Arab League Does Not Support Pakistan

## London Office Man Recognises Congress And Shows Interest In August Resolution

**LONDON, Sept. 12 (U.P.I.): "We have complete sympathy with the Indian struggle for liberation. We recognise the Indian National Congress as the leader of the struggle representing both Hindus and Muslims" said Mr. Attiya, who is in charge of the Arab Office in Britain, in an interview with the "United Press of India."**

**"Of course", he said, "the Muslims in the Arab countries have spiritual affinity with the Muslims in India. But this does not mean any support for Pakistan or pan-Islamism.**

"We in the Arab world are deeply interested in the idea of federation of the Near and Middle Eastern countries and India as formulated in the Congress resolution of August, 1942. We have been inspired by the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. And we were deeply touched that soon after their release from prisons, though the Congress leaders were pre-occupied with urgent Indian problems, they found time to express unequivocal support for the Arab aspirations. We will not forget this fraternal gesture of friendship."

He added: "I profoundly regret that a certain private and personal letter written by a colleague of mine —Nishashibi—was twisted by Muslim League circles in India as signifying the Arab League's support for Pakistan. The Arab Liberation Movement is not religious in character, nor is it Muslim. It is non-communal in conception. It contains Muslims as well as Christians, all united on the platform of freedom of the Arab world."

### WOKING IMAM JOINS MUSLIM LEAGUE

LONDON, Sept. 11 (U.P.I.): Membership of the London Branch of All-India Muslim League is steadily increasing according to its President, Mr. Mohammad Abbas Ali, who has been conducting a campaign to popularise the demand for Pakistan. Mr. Ali told the "Associated Press of India" to-day that Abdul Majid, Imam of Shahjahan Mosque at Woking (Surrey), had become a member of the London Branch of the Muslim League.

# *TRANSITION FROM WAR TO PEACE CONDITIONS*

## Bombay Governor Looks To Deccan Sardars For "Sane And Moderate" Leadership

POONA, Sept. 12.

Sir Charles Bristow, Governor of Bombay, speaking at the Darbar of the Sardars of Deccan to-day said:—

"I have heard it represented that the Sardars as a class have cause to feel apprehension at a return to the normal working of the constitution, and at the possibility of a further political advance. Such feelings seem to me to be misconceived. Whatever way the future leads (and I cannot believe that there is one of you who does not loyally support His Majesty's Government and the Viceroy in their efforts to lead India to the shouldering of her own responsibilities and the working out of her own destiny as a self-reliant nation) there is work for you worthy of your rank. India's most urgent need now is sane and moderate leadership at every level in society. The position which you enjoy as Sardars and as great landowners fits you for such leadership in the districts where you reside, and Government look to you for active and energetic participation in public affairs. I acknowledge and express Government's high appreciation of the sterling work which many members of your Order have accomplished in aid of the war effort, especially in recruiting to the armed forces. Your influence and leadership here have been of value and importance. But while justly paying this tribute to your solid support of the war effort, I do so to exhort you not to neglect the opportunities of service which confront you now that victory has been won.

By example and advice you can encourage that spirit of reasonable compromise which is essential alike in local, provincial and central self-government, and which is required particularly now to secure agreement on constitutional problems, but is always and continually necessary for the peaceful and harmonious carrying on of daily affairs.

Most valuable too will be your support to law and order and your fostering of respect for established authority. No progress or development is possible if order is not maintained. Several of you have homes and estates in Satara District which has been a terrible example of what happens when the criminal elements and men seeking for revolution contrive to break the rule of law and attempt to impose their arbitrary will by violence. That menace is now in hand, but the danger of such disorder will become more widespread if the end of the war leads to unemployment.

AFTER DEMOBILISATION

That brings me to the great service which you can render in the resettlement of soldiers. The end of the war brings us face to face with a gigantic task of post-war reconstruction. If we are to succeed in it, it is essential that the energy which we mobilised for the successful prosecution of the war should not be dissipated, but should be turned speedily to certain immediate tasks. One of the most important of these and one which concerns you closely as large landowners, is the resettlement of those of our soldiers who wish to return to the land on demobilisation. You are in a position to help materially by engaging returned soldiers who have no land of their own as tenants or labourers, and by taking a keen and personal interest in the welfare of these men and their families in your villages. Government agencies will be taking up this work systematically, but your help and individual attention to the people you know will be of the greatest assistance.

Again, you will all be familiar with the Bombay Government's post-war plans for agriculture which have been published and explained in detail. Many of you have your homes in areas which are to be dealt with in the first stages of the programme laid down. You know very well that much of the success of these plans depends upon local interest, enthusiasm and co-operation. You are in a position to call forth such co-operation. By doing so, and by thoroughly familiarising yourselves with the needs of the countryside where you live, and placing your detailed knowledge at the disposal of the district and departmental authorities responsible for the execution of our rural development work, you would be performing a high public service. You have, in your Districts, Rural Development Boards, through which you can effectually render such help.

CONFLICTING INTERESTS

There is yet a wider and more important sphere in which you can help the agricultural development of the Province. However hard we try, we are not likely to be able to work out all our post-war development plans smoothly and easily. For, as in all economic development, there are conflicting interests to be reconciled. There are, for instance, those of employer and employee, and there are industrial interests as against agricultural. What we have to achieve over the whole field of economic policy is a mutual adjustment of interests where they happen to conflict, in the common good, which is the sole criterion by which Government should be guided. Large land-owners, such as you, have a service to perform to the entire agricultural community in ensuring that agricultural interests do not suffer because industrial interests are better organised, and that the claims of the farmer are intelligently thought out and represented. Your interests and those of the small farmer, the tenant and agricultural labourer are identical. A prosperous agriculture means a prosperous countryside, and it should be your special care to study how best to maintain and expand the present agricultural prosperity, so that you can press your views cogently on Government and in the Legislature when it is re-established. The field is a large one—soil conservation and land improvement; the development of better marketing facilities; the improvement of live stock; the furthering of the use of improved varieties of seed and modern implements; the extension of vegetable cultivation and fruit farming to satisfy the vastly expanded market which will not disappear with the end of the war; the popularisation of poultry farming; large questions of agricultural policy such as the consolidation of holdings; agricultural research—the list could be extended almost indefinitely of subjects with which you should be thoroughly familiar, if you are to be able to justify the claims of agriculture to the whole community.

These, gentlemen, are some of the opportunities which face you as we pass from war to peace and set our hand to the great work of putting India and our own Province of Bombay on the high road to a healthier, wealthier, and happier society based on a prosperous agricultural community. Given goodwill and real determination, I am convinced that we can overcome all the difficulties which lie ahead of us, be they political or economic. But there is hard work for all ahead, and I say to you, Sardars in the Deccan:—

Set an example to those who look up to you for a lead. Be worthy of your salt, and carry forward into the new era which opens out before us the high traditions of service handed down to you by your forbears."

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Mr. Asaf Ali snapped at V. T. prior to their departure for Poona to attend the Working Committee meeting on Wednesday morning.

# Will There Be A Sales Tax?

## NOTHING CONCRETE AT THIS STAGE ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN BOMBAY

*BOMBAY, Wednesday.*

***Enquiries made by a reporter of the "Bombay Chronicle" in official circles today would neither confirm nor contradict the report published in a city newspaper yesterday that a 'Sales Tax' is likely to be imposed by the Government of Bombay from April 1, on all articles except those of vital necessity.***

*NOTHING CONCRETE*

Questioned whether such a bill was on the anvil, an officer who ordinarily ought to be in the know said that nothing of the sort had been authorised to be issued to the public from the Bombay office of the Finance Department. He could not, however, say whether somebody in Poona knew something about it.

Anyway, nothing was concrete at this stage and if at all such a measure was under contemplation, it would first have to go to the legal department after being drafted by the Finance Department. Only when it was properly pruned there, and earned the approval of that department, would it be circulated for public opinion.

Barring a vague hint given by Sir Henry Knight, the then Adviser to the Governor of Bombay, at a Press Conference a few months back that such a tax would be necessary to meet the expenditure that would be incurred on post-war reconstruction, there was nothing that could be said, at this stage, known on this side of the Bombay Secretariat.

It looked as if someone in Poona had spilled the beans rather prematurely.

INTELLIGENT GUESS

One officer said: "It might just be an intelligent guess." Asked whether any modification or amplification of any parts of the report divulging the new taxational measure was deemed necessary, another spokesman said: "But who told you that it was under contemplation."

The Budget season, as far as the Secretariat was concerned, would begin in October; items would be decided between then and January. "Nothing ever assumes concrete shape, before that", said the same spokesman. He added: "By the time the next Budget arrives we don't even know what Government we may have."

This meant that nothing tangible was in the offing, and if at all it was, it was either not yet thoroughly thrashed out, or Government had a vague apprehension which made them nervous that official revelation of the measure at this stage might raise a hornet's nest round their ears.

This reporter is in a position to say that if, at all such a measure is to be introduced, it will most probably await the formation of a new Government on a popular basis and would not be hurried into acceptance in order to forestall the arrival of a new Government, specially so in view of the forthcoming elections.

SOUNDING PUBLIC OPINION

The leakage if at all it is correct, it was gathered in financial circles, was meant to sound public opinion.

The Congress Ministry, it will be recalled wanted to impose a similar tax, but dropped it when there was a hue and cry against it.

The report divulging the measure stated that the tax would be recovered from selling organisations having an annual turnover of Rs. 5,000 or more.

The levying of the tax would be entrusted to the Excise Commissioner who would have under him several sales tax inspectors.

## PETITIONS UNDER PRESS ACT DISMISSED

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Divatia, Mr. Justice Chagla and Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha)

(1) N. S. Phadke, (2) J. G. Joshi, Keeper of the Janardan Sadashiv Press, Poona .. Applicants.

v.

The Government of Bombay .... Respondent.

These were applications under the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act in respect of a Marathi novel called "Shakuntal" of which the first applicant was the author. The Government had forfeited it and ordered the second applicant in whose press it had been printed to deposit Rs. 1,500 by way of security. The applicants approached the High Court to have those orders of the Government set aside.

"Shakuntal" was a romantic novel in which an accomplished young woman, already once frustrated in love, married another who subsequently joined the army and disappointed her.

Delivering the judgment of the Court, Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha observed that the author had inextricably woven into the story the clash of two ideologies—one view represented by the Congress, and the other by the Hindu Mahasabha, and that the tendency of the book was clearly to prejudice the recruiting of persons in His Majesty's forces. Their Lordships therefore dismissed the petitions with costs.

Mr. N. D. Dange and Mr. A. A. Gajendragadkar appeared for the author. Mr. K. N. Dharap and Mr. M. M. Virkar appeared for the Keeper of the Press. The Advocate-General with the Assistant Government Pleader appeared for the Government.

## MUNICIPAL WORKERS DEMAND LIVING WAGE

### Federation Resolves To Hold Biannual Conference At Cawnpore

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A meeting of the Working Committee and the General Council of the All-India Municipal Workers' Federation was held at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Mr. R. R. Bhole, M.L.A. Representatives from Bombay, Punjab, N.W.F.P., U.P., and other Provinces were present.

Amongst other resolutions that were passed at the meetings, a resolution for the convention of Biannual Conference in Cawnpore during the month of December 1945 was passed. Mr. R. R. Bhole was unanimously elected the President of the Conference.

Resolutions were also passed condemning the replies of the Provincial Governments to the All-India Municipal Workers' Federation in which they absolved themselves of their responsibility in respect of their degradation and other grievances regarding security of service and condition of life of their respective Municipal workers. The action of several Cantonment Boards who discourage the formation of Municipal Unions in their limits was also regretted.

The Committee also passed a resolution framing the demands of Municipal workers—amongst others—living wage, proper housing, adequate education of children, construction of bath-rooms at Municipal cost at their places of work and provision of their facilities for their workers, security of service and better condition in life.

Another resolution was passed demanding representation in the Industrial Committee of the International Labour Organisation and also at the 27th Session of the I.L.O.

(From A Correspondent).

UJJAIN, Sept. 11.—While criticising the policy of the Gwalior Government against the Mohomedans of the State, Mr. Akhlaque Hussain, a local Muslim leader, exhorted the Mohomedans to boycott the coming elections after the Id prayers in the Idgah.

Gen. Charles De Gaulle (second from left) President of the French Provisional Govt. and Georges Bidault (second from right), French Foreign Minister, wear Legion of Merit medals bestowed on them by U. S. President, Harry S. Truman (left) at the White House on Aug. 24. U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes is seen on the right.

## INDORE MINISTER'S NEW APPOINTMENT

INDORE, Sept. 11 (A.P.I.): Capt. H. C. Dhanda, Commerce Minister of Holkar State has been selected by the Government of India, in concurrence with His Highness the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, as adviser on behalf of the Indian States to the Government of India's delegation, which is proceeding to attend the next meeting of the International Labour Organisation in Paris commencing from October 15.

Captain Dhanda, who is the youngest minister in the Holkar Cabinet, was a contemporary of the Maharaja of Indore at Oxford, where he had the unusual distinction of taking his honours in the school of modern history and a blue for tennis the same year.

He is popularly associated with some of the most important reforms in the Holkar State, especially in the sphere of labour. Standardisation of wages in the Indore textile industry was largely his work which has resulted in the smooth working of the industry during war time and in greatly improving the position of the employers and of labour. It is pointed out that the Holkar State leads the country in this important reform.

Capt. Dhanda played a very large part in the pioneer work the Holkar State did in the sphere of food by being the first to initiate omnibus rationing and procurement of food grains on the basis of Government monopoly, two features adopted and recommended much later in the rest of country as a part of the new basic food policy. Indore's new industrial schemes and progress owe a great deal to his constructive ability and initiative.

## *NO 'EXCELLENZA' IN ITALY*

ROME, (I.P.S.): The Italian Council of Ministers led by the Socialist Vice-Premier, Piotro Parri voted unanimously at its recent meeting to abolish the title of "Excellenza" (Your Excellency). An incident occured before this decision. The Italian Premier Parri was bothered by his clerk who kept addressing him with the customary title of Excellenza. The Premier told the clerk as follows:

"As I happen to be a professor, why not address me as Prof. Parri"? The Socialist paper "Avanti" commenting on this decision says:—"Thus disappears from our custom an archaic hang-over from the days of Spaniards. To give the title of Excellency is no longer a prerogative of the State."

# *League Majority Will Not Decide Division Issue*

## Nehru Says Proper Way Is To Take Votes On Specific Points

BOMBAY, Sept. 12 (U.P.I.): The "United Press of India" representative who travelled with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru yesterday entered into some discussions with him on burning problems of the day. The following questions asked by the representative were answered by Pandit Nehru.

Question: Congress is for self-determination. Does it mean that the question of Pakistan is acceptable?

Answer. No one knows exactly what Pakistan means as it has not been defined by the Muslim League or Mr. Jinnah. No one can accept something that is not defined. But the principle of self-determination for an area is accepted subject to the will of all inhabitants of that area being clearly declared and also subject to other groups of people not being clearly dragged in against their will.

Question: Will the present election decide the question of division if the League secures a majority of seats?

Answer: Not necessarily. Because in election there are so many influences. A Muslim voting for the Muslim League may not be a supporter of Pakistan. The proper way is to take votes on specific issues.

Question: It is reported that Lord Wavell is returning empty-handed. What is Congress going to do. Is it going to launch another movement?

Answer: Well, I cannot tell you what is going to happen after six months. Let us see what we are going to do about it. It is a premature question.

Asked about the question of demobilisation, Pandit Nehru said: "I am sure the present Government cannot tackle it. It is only the National Government which can tackle the question of demobbed soldiers and their re-employment.

# MacArthur Commits Blunders

## GENERAL'S POLICY IN JAPAN 'TRAGICALLY INADEQUATE'

**LONDON, September 12 (Reuter): General MacArthur's occupation policy in Japan, his method of administration and his programme for the future, are being severely criticised in the United States, reports Don Iddon, New York Correspondent of the London "Daily Mail."**

Most of the sections of the American press yesterday condemned General MacArthur for making what is described as a poor and feeble start.

Iddon adds: "New directions from Washington are likely and it is understood that the war and navy departments have already made a move to rectify General MacArthur's policy in Korea and to take the administration of Korea out of Japanese hands.

The General's action in putting the administration of the former independent state in the hands of a Japanese Military Government is described as a major blunder and is said to have 'flabbergasted' State Department officials.

"So far White House has refused to be drawn into the matter at least publicly, but President Truman may make a statement at his press conference on Wednesday says Iddon.

The criticism of General MacArthur's policy which has "blown up suddenly and fiercely" is not limited to the Left-Wing press, the Correspondent adds.

Quoting from a leading article of the newspaper "P.M." the statement that as political administrator General MacArthur had shown himself "tragically inadequate", and from the influential New York "Herald Tribune" to criticism that the military mind is a poor instrument for meeting Japanese ways" Iddon concludes "the outcry is so great that a change in policy is considered certain."

### *"Daily Worker" To Be Run By Co-operative Society*

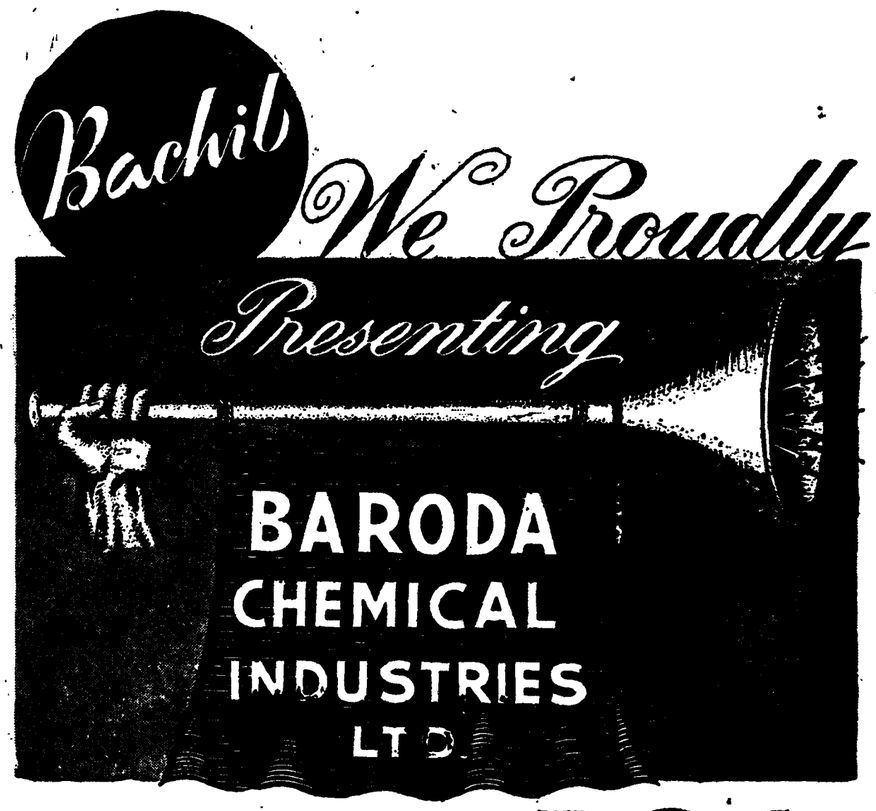
LONDON, September 11, (Reuter): The communist newspaper "Daily Worker" will announce tomorrow changes in its ownership and the formation of a co-operative society to take over the responsibility for its publication.

As soon as rationing of newsprint permits development, the new owners hope to work the circulation to half a million. Out of 13 members of the new Provisional Committee of management, 11 are communists and include most members of the old editorial board.

The Co-operative Society has been adopted in order to finance the expansion of the paper under democratic ownership and control.

### ITALIAN GENERAL SHOT

ROME, Sept. 11 (Reuter): General Nicolo Bellomo who was found guilty by the British military court at Bari of shooting two British officer prisoners on December 19, 1941, was shot at dawn to-day by a British Firing Squad. The Supreme Allied Commander, Field-Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, rejected his appeal for reprieve.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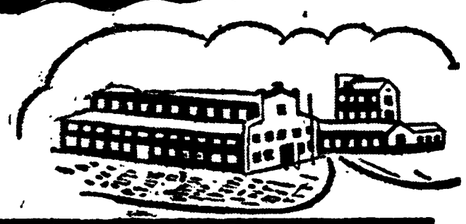

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# Sharp Rise In Tata Steel Shares On Active Buying

## SPECULATIVE SUPPORT HARDENS BULLION QUOTATIONS

### Cotton Reacts After Early Rise On Local Realising

BOMBAY, Sept. 12.

Tata Steel shares moved up in an active session of the Bombay Stock Exchange today. There was impressive buying and covering which resulted in a sharp rise. Towards the close there was some trimming on realising sales otherwise the market was very steady. Cotton Mills shares failed to show any important buying and most of the improvement was of a sympathetic nature but Colaba Mill shares recorded a sharp rise. As a result of day's working Tata Steel Dfds. gained Rs. 37/8, Ordinary Rs. 4/8, Bombay Dyeing Rs. 11/4, Colaba Rs. 11/- Kohinoor Rs. 4/- and Associated Cement Rs. 2/- 3½ per cent. Government paper was quoted at Rs. 101/12.

Bullion market was firm on active professional speculative support on higher upcountry advices. Cotton market also moved up on broadening export demand. Later on quotations reached on local realising.

### SHARE BAZAR

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened today after holidays with a firm tone. There was active and impressive buying in steel shares which recorded a sharp rise. Cotton mill shares were also steady in sympathy with scattered buying. It appears that the market is impressed with the annual report of the Tata Iron and Steel Co. The firmness of the bullion market and inflationary feeling attracted buyers and shorts were covering.

Tata Steel Dfd. shares opened at Rs. 2,295 against last close at Rs. 2,262 and kept on improving under active buying and reached Rs. 2,312. At this level there was some realising and Dfds. steadied at Rs. 2,310. Ordinary shares opened at a rise of Rs. 4 at Rs. 428 and advanced to Rs. 431. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1,965 and improved to Rs. 1,970. Kohinoors were placed at Rs. 598. Central India shares were quoted at Rs. 374 and Century shares changed hands at Rs. 895. Gokaks were done at Rs. 295 and Simplex shares were quoted at Rs. 281. Associated Cements were steady at Rs. 215.

Later on the market was irregular Tata Steel Ordinary Shares were supported and after advancing to Rs. 434/8 reacted at Rs. 428/8 towards the close Among Cotton Mill Shares Colabas rose on active buying on renewed talk of land sale. There was some realising in Swadesh Mill Shares.

### MILL SHARES

BOMBAY, Sept. 12.

Bombay Dyeing 1968/12 Century 895 Nagpur 378/8 Swadeshi 549/8 New Great 385 Simplex 288 Kohinoor 599 Colaba 246 Gokak 295 Phoenix 641/4 Mysore 291/4 Indian Bleaching 166 Swan 307 Finlay 282 Morarji 715 Indore 681/4 Edward Sassoon 635

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord 428/8 Tata Steel Dfds 2300

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Tata Hydro 204 Andhra 1820 Tata Power 1852/8 Tram Ord 148

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CASH SECTION

MILLS: Apollo 3/15/9 Elphinstone 77 E U Ord 13/10/6 Dfds 2/11 Indian Mfg 3530 Kurla 241/4 Khatau 316/4 Dawn 1100 David 1300 New City 358/8 Minerva 235 Bradbury 325 Bharucha Dfds 8/1 Bharat 60 Madhavji 19/8 Model 251/4 Laxmi Cotton 1390 Vishnu Cotton 482/8 Western 2610 Sholapur 7000 Sassoon Cotton 21 Hindustan 3810 Meyer Sassoon 188/12 Tata Mills 66 And. Advance 400 Sassoon Silk 78 New Union 23 Poddar 320 Madhusudan 422/8 News 90 Shri Nivas 375 Raja Bahadur Poona 126/4 Berar 310

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Ahmedabad 2E 170 Surat 245 Surat New Premier 115 Karachi 240/10 Broach 12/14 Ajmer 14/14 Amalgamated 18/8 Jalgaon 11/13 Nagpur 48 Bombay Suburban 211/4 New Premier 100

BANKS:

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### BOMBAY COTTON

The cotton market opened to-day at a rise of Rs. 3 per candy for January delivery at Rs. 414. During the holidays there was moderate buying and January was done at Rs. 414. This improvement makes a total rise of about Rs. 18 per candy and those who were lucky to buy at low levels were inclined to book profits with a view to replace on declines the selling was mostly based on technical considerations and the tone of the market was steady. January contract declined to Rs. 412/8 under scattered realising.

At the decline there was renewed buying and January advanced to Rs. 416/8 and reacted to Rs. 415/8 on scattered realising.

It is believed that Liverpool is interested in Indian cotton and so far has bought about one lakh bales. This demand resulted in steady scarcity of contracts. Later on there was increased realising by local traders and January declined to Rs. 411. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| I.C.O Sept. | 350 | 0 | 0 |
| I.C.C. January | 411 | 88 | 0 |
| I.C.C. March | 417 | 12 | 0 |

### GOLD & SILVER

The local bullion market was fairly firm to-day on active buying influenced by higher upcountry advices.

Forward gold opened at Rs. 72/2 and advanced to Rs. 72/12 and steadied at Rs. 72/11. Ready gold was quoted at a premium of rupee one at the start but later on it was quoted annas eight higher at Rs. 73/4. Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 49/4.

Forward silver opened at Rs. 124 and advanced to Rs. 125/12 under active buying by professional operators and reacted to Rs. 125/2 on realising. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 125/10.

Sirdar Carbonic Gas 800 725 800

The market finally closed as under:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ready Silver | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| Forward Silver | 124 | 12 | 0 |
| Ready Gold | 72 | 14 | 0 |
| Forward Gold | 72 | 10 | 0 |

### BOMBAY PRODUCE

The British Food Ministry was reported to have bought Groundnuts ready at £33/17/6 and new crop at £13/7/6. These quotation show a reduction of 2-1/2 shillings. In the local market Groundnuts for December-February delivery opened at Rs. 15/14 and after advancing to Rs. 16/2 steadied at Rs. 16/1.

Castorseeds Bombay delivery were quoted at Rs. 15/8 Navlakhi delivery at Rs. 15/9 and Goa delivery at Rs. 15/10. Linseed C. P. and U. P. was placed at Rs. 17/15 to Rs. 18. Some business for Vizagapatam was done at Rs. 17. Nizam State Linseed was quoted at Rs. 17/14 and Satna Linseed was placed at Rs. 17/13. Tone of the market was steady.

### Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Sept 12.

MILLS.

Apollo 4/0/6 3/15/9 Bharat 60 B. Dyeing 1970 67/8 70 66/4 68/12 62/8 72/8 68/12 73/12 68/12 Bradbury (Ord) 325 Central India (Ord) 376 76/8 75 78 76/8 80/8 79 80 78/8 Century 895 Colaba 240 39/8 45 44 48/8 46/8 49 45/8 47/8 46 Edward Textile 632/8 36/4 35 Elphinstone (Ord) 77 77/8 76/8 77 Elphinstone (Pref) 127/8 Finlay 281 83 81 83/8 82 Gokak 295 94 95/8 94/8 95 India United Defd 2/12/8 2/11/3 2/11/6 2/11 India United Ord 13/8 13/9 13/8 13/10 13/9 13/11 13/9/6 13/10/6 Indore 682/8 75 80 76/4 81/4 Kohinoor 598 99 94/8 96/8 95/8 97/8 96 601 597/8 600/8 597/6 99 Madhavji 19/2 20/8 Meyer 188/12 Minerva 235 Model 253/12 52/8 53/12 Morarjee 712/8 15 New City 357/8 58/12 New Great 384 85 83 85/8 85 Podar 320 Sassoon Cotton 21 Shrinivas 375 Simplex 288 90/8 89 92 90/8 91/8 87/8 88 Swadeshi 550 54 52 54 51 54 49/8 50/8 48/8 51 49/8 Swan 306 7 Tata Mills 66 65/8 66 Ahmedabad Prantej Rly. 722/8

BANKS:

Baroda 144/12 44 Central 83/4 83/8 83/4 Exchange 24 Imperial (New) 570 71/4 India 188/8 89/8 International 48/8 Reserve 137/8 38/4 Union 9

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 169/6 70/10 70 71/4 70 Andhra Valley (Ord) 1820 Tram (Ord) 147/8 47/8 47/8 48/4 48 Tram (Pref) 68 69/8 68/8 B. Suburban 210/10 Surat 287/8 45 Hydro (Ord) 203 8 Power (Ord) 1852/8

INSURANCE

British India 24/12 Jupiter 33 31/12 32 New India 84/8 85 84 84/4 Bombay Steam 597/8 92/8 97/8 98 600 Scindia 36/8 36/15 36/14 36/15 36/14 Tata Steel Defd 2297/8 95 2300 2290 95 87/8 95 87/8 2312/8 5 10 1/4 12/8 2/8 6/4 23000 Tata Steel Ord 428 29 27 29 28 32/8 31 32/8 31 35 28/8 Tata Steel 2nd Pref 168 68/8 68/4

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 411/4 10 A. Cement 216 18 15/8 18/8 16/8 17 16/4 Belapur 215/8 15 16 14/8 16 18 Burmah (Old) 575 80 68/12 72/8 71/4 Burmah (New) 198/12 B. B. Petrol 5/14 5/11 5/12 Port Canning 106/8 P. Construction (Ord) 207/8 10 Shivrajpur 51/8 52/8 51 52 Tata Chemical (Ord) 19/6 19/12 Tata Oil 73/4 75 73 Ceoria Mills 236/4 41/4 McKenzies Ltd 138/12 Sirdar Carbonic Gas 800 725 800

### Bankers' Clearing

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 7-9-1945 were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 145137.

Amount of Cheques: Rs. 43,11,91,-210-8-3.

### Metal Quotations

BOMBAY, Sept. 12.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SHANGAN. | | | |
| Brass Ready | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| Brass Aso | 79 | 6 | 0 |
| Copper Ready | 87 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper Aso | 79 | 8 | 0 |

### Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton January Contract is 681 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331.

### N.Y. BANKS SELLING STERLING

**NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (U.P.A.)—Some New York City banks, anticipating that Britain will devalue her currency, have begun selling sterling forward at discounts averaging two cents monthly.**

**Bankers said that there is practically no selling beyond ninety days. However, many financial circles still do not believe that devaluation is imminent.**

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Sept 11.

| | |
|---|---|
| October | 22,79+01 |
| October highest (2-16 p.m.) | 22,80+02 |
| October lowest (10-29 a.m.) | 22,75—03 |
| December | 22,83+01 |
| January | 22,77+01 |
| March | 22,79+02 |
| May | 22,73+01 |
| July | 22,42—02 |
| October | 21,48— |
| Middling Spot | 23,36+01 |

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

| | |
|---|---|
| October | 22,75— |
| December | 22,81—01 |
| March | 22,80— |
| May | 22,76+03 |
| July | 22,45— |
| Middling Spot | 22,35— |

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

| | |
|---|---|
| October | 22,77 |
| December | 22,83 |
| March | 22,76 |

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Sept. 12.

I.C.C. Sept. Highest, Lowest Closing at 3 p.m. 350

I.C.C Jan. Highest 411-1/2 Lowest 407 Closing at 3 p.m. 411-1/4

I.C.C. March Highest 417-1/2 Lowest 413-1/2 Closing at 3 p.m. 417-1/4

Karachi 4F Jan. Highest 42/3/9 Lowest 41/14/3 Closing at 3 p.m. 42/2/9

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Sept 11.

| | £ |
|---|---|
| Rupee Paper 3-1/2 pc | 73-3/4 |
| Consols 2-1/2 pc | 87-1/2 |
| Conversion Loan 3-1/2 pc 1961 | 105-1/2 |
| War Loan 3-1/2 pc | 104-7/16 |
| Funding Loan 4 pc 1960/90 | 114-13/16 |
| Victory Bonds 4 pc | 113-3/8 |
| Chartered Bank of I. A. and China | 11-3/4 |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) | 98 |
| National Bank of India | 42 |

# Lengthy Climb To 80 Year Peaks Inspires Selling On Wall-Street Market

## Increasing Crop Movement And Apathetic Mill Demand For Spot Cotton

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Wall Street opened steady and moderately active. Industrials extended the advance selectively, although many leaders declined the lengthy climb to eight-year peaks again inspired some selling on the idea that a sizeable correction might eventuate. However the urge to invest idle capital was a bulwark in trend. Delayed buying of rails and industrials propped the market after timed liquidation with lack of any real pressure causing reinstatement of accounts latterly. Dividends and earnings and inflation ideas were additional stimulating factors in the market which closed strong.

American telephone (184-3/8) 185, Amerex Corp. (31-5/8) 31-5/8, Anaconda Copper Mining (34-3/8) 34-5/8. Chase National Bank (41-1/8) 41-1/8, Consolidated Oil (16-1/4) 16-1/8, Firestone Tyre and Rubber (62-1/2) 63-1/4, General Electric (48-3/4) 49-1/8, General Motors (74-1/2) 74-7/8, Ingersol Rand (119) 120, International Nickel (34-1/4), 34-3/8, National City Bank of New York (43) 43, New York Central (08-3/4) 98-3/4, U.S. Smelting (65-1/2) Corp. (16) 16, Texas Corpn. (53-3/4) 53-3/4, Union Carbon and Carbide (98-3/4) 08-3/4, U.S. Smelting (65-1/2) 65-1/2, U.S. Steel Corpn. (71-7/8) 74-1/4, Western Union (48-1/8) 48-3/4.

COTTON MARKET STEADY

New York cotton opened quiet. The losses reflected a scattering of hedges and liquidation due to increasing crop movement and apathetic mill demand for spot cotton. The market subsequently steadied on trade support owing to weevil complaints, reported gulf storm warning and the ever-present inflation talk. Latterly prices ruled steady on covering and in sympathy with the firmness of grains and securities and a dribbling of price fixing and dying up of hedges. The session closed steady.

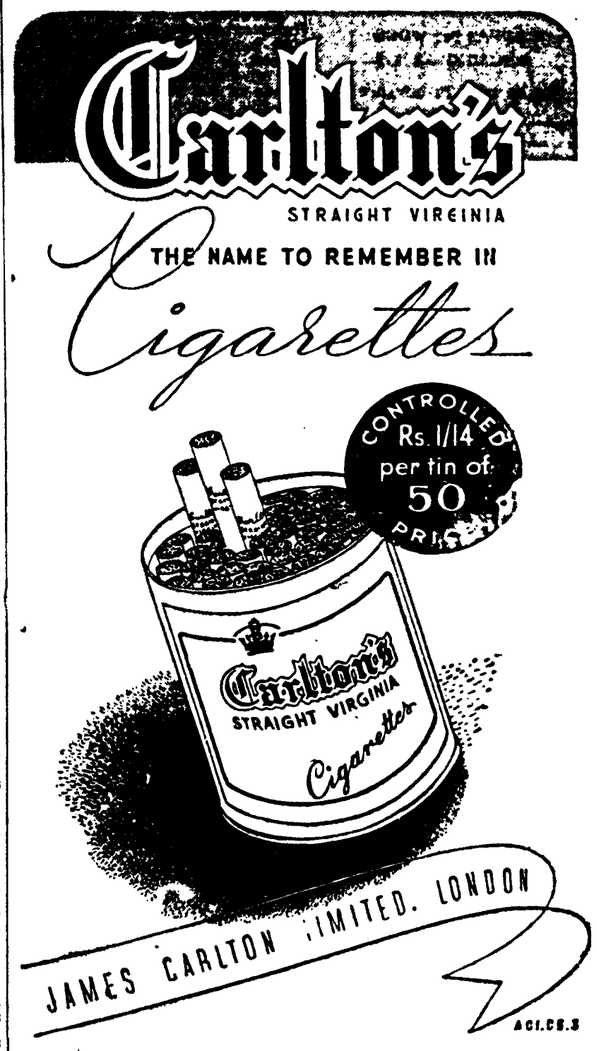
AVERAGE GRAINS

Grains eased slightly on commission house selling stimulated by bearishly construed official crop forecast particularly for maize and oats. However failure of the report to bring out heavier pressure and a strong demand for cash grains and persistent strength of Winnipeg rye encouraged professional covering and some replacement demand.

Sept. (1.65-1/2 to 1.62.1/2) 1.66-1/2 to 1.66-1/2.

Dec. (2.65-1/4 to 1.65-1/4) 1.66 to 1.66.

May (1.63-1/2 to 1.63-5/8) 1.64-1/2 to 1.64-5/8.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INDIAN MILITARY NURSING SERVICE

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MUTT AND JEFF—After All, What Would Baseball Be Without A Hot-Dog? By BUD FISHER

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STRIKE THREE! YOU'RE OUT!
MAM?
HEY, UMP! JUST A SECOND! I GOT A FINE DOG FOR YOU!
DOG? WHAT DO I WANT WITH A POOCH?
OH, HE'S NO ORDINARY POOCH! HE'S A "SEEING EYE DOG" FOR BLIND UMPIRES!
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   (b) Length of the play in minutes,
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE CINE INDUSTRIES & RECORDING CO., LTD.**
**NOTICE**

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1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and audited Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 1945.
2. To elect a Director in the place of Mr. Shiraz Ali Hakim who retires by rotation but is eligible and offers himself for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th day of September, 1945, to the 29th day of September, 1945, (both days inclusive).

Dated this 13th day of September, 1945.

By order of the Board
SHREEGOPAL RAMDUTT,
Managing Director. 4746

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R. R. RANA,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that EBRAHIM DADA has contracted to sell to our client the property, situate at Colbhat Lane, otherwise called Vanka-Mohalla of Pension and tax tenure (now redeemed), containing by admeasurement 154 sq. yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 225, New No. 1694, Old Survey No. 226 and new Survey No. 163 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 679 of Bhuleshwar Division and Municipal C Ward No. 3232 and Street No. 2 and bounded on the East by the said Vanka Mohalla, on the West by a passage and beyond that by the property belonging to Bapuji Dorabji Daruwalla, on the North by the property of Hirabhai Madhavdas and on the South by the property belonging to Karsanbhai being House No. 4. All persons having any claim against the said property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, assessment, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Ali Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

Dated this 13th day of September, 1945.

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Private offers are invited and will be entertained till 19th September '45. Private offers should be addressed in sealed envelopes to the Trustees of the estate of the late Haji Ebrahim Essak c|o M|s Merwanji Kola & Co., Solicitors or M|s Mulla and Mulla Solicitors and must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 25% in cash. The acceptance of private offers will be subject to the sanction of the Court.

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